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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 457

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 210.201, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to Montessori schools, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 210.201, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 210.201,
3 to read as follows:

210.201. As used in sections 210.201 to 210.257, the
2 following terms mean:

3 (1) "Child", an individual who is under the age of
4 seventeen;

5 (2) "Child care", care of a child away from his or her
6 home for any part of the twenty-four-hour day for
7 compensation or otherwise. "Child care" is a voluntary
8 supplement to parental responsibility for the child's
9 protection, development, and supervision;

10 (3) "Child-care facility" or "child care facility", a
11 house or other place conducted or maintained by any person
12 who advertises or holds himself or herself out as providing
13 child care for any part of the twenty-four-hour day for
14 compensation or otherwise if providing child care to more
15 than:

16 (a) Six children; or

17 (b) Three children under two years of age;

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

18 (4) "Child care provider" or "provider", the person or
19 persons licensed or required to be licensed under section
20 210.221 to establish, conduct, or maintain a child care
21 facility;

22 (5) "Montessori school", a child care program that
23 [subscribes to Maria Montessori's educational philosophy and
24 that is accredited by the American Montessori Society or the
25 Association Montessori Internationale] **is either accredited**
26 **by, actively seeking accreditation by, or maintains an**
27 **active school membership with the American Montessori**
28 **Society, the Association Montessori Internationale, the**
29 **International Montessori Counsel, or the Montessori**
30 **Educational Programs International;**

31 (6) "Neighborhood youth development program", as
32 described in section 210.278;

33 (7) "Nursery school", a program operated by a person
34 or an organization with the primary function of providing an
35 educational program for preschool-age children for no more
36 than four hours per day per child;

37 (8) "Person", any individual, firm, corporation,
38 partnership, association, agency, or an incorporated or
39 unincorporated organization regardless of the name used;

40 (9) "Religious organization", a church, synagogue or
41 mosque; an entity that has or would qualify for federal tax-
42 exempt status as a nonprofit religious organization under
43 Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; or an entity
44 whose real estate on which the child-care facility is
45 located is exempt from taxation because it is used for
46 religious purposes;

47 (10) "School system", a program established primarily
48 for education and that meets the following criteria:

49 (a) Provides education in at least the first to the
50 sixth grade; and

51 (b) Provides evidence that the school system's records
52 will be accepted by a public or private school for the
53 transfer of any student;

54 (11) "Summer camp", a program operated from May to
55 September by a person or organization with the primary
56 function of providing a summer recreational program for
57 children five years of age or older and providing no child
58 care for children under five years of age in the same
59 building or in the same outdoor play area.

Section B. Because of the need to preserve safe and
2 adequate access to educational opportunities for Missouri
3 children, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace,
5 and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act
6 within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of
7 this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage
8 and approval.

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