

SENATE BILL NO. 826

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HOUGH.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 210.278, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to neighborhood youth development programs.

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

Section A. Section 210.278, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 210.278,
3 to read as follows:

210.278. Neighborhood youth development programs shall
2 be exempt from the child care licensing provisions under
3 this chapter so long as the program meets the following
4 requirements:

5 (1) The program is affiliated and in good standing
6 with a national congressionally chartered organization's
7 standards under Title 36, Public Law 105-225;

8 (2) The program provides activities designed for
9 recreational, educational, and character building purposes
10 for children **[six] five** to **[seventeen] eighteen** years of age;

11 (3) The governing body of the program adopts standards
12 for care that at a minimum include staff ratios, staff
13 training, health and safety standards, and mechanisms for
14 assessing and enforcing the program's compliance with the
15 standards;

16 (4) The program does not collect compensation for its
17 services except for one-time annual membership dues not to
18 exceed fifty dollars per year or program service fees for

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

19 special activities such as field trips or sports leagues,
20 except for current exemptions as written in section 210.211;

21 (5) The program informs each parent that the operation
22 of the program is not regulated by licensing requirements;

23 (6) The program provides a process to receive and
24 resolve parental complaints; and

25 (7) The program conducts national criminal background
26 checks for all employees and volunteers who work with
27 children, as well as screening under the family care safety
28 registry as provided in sections 210.900 to 210.936.

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