

SENATE BILL NO. 846

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ESLINGER.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 161.217, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the early learning quality assurance report program.

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

Section A. Section 161.217, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.217,
3 to read as follows:

161.217. 1. The department of elementary and
2 secondary education, in collaboration with the Missouri Head
3 Start State Collaboration Office and the departments of
4 health and senior services, mental health, and social
5 services, shall develop[, as a three-year pilot program,] a
6 voluntary early learning quality assurance report. The
7 early learning quality assurance report shall be developed
8 based on evidence-based practices.

9 2. Participation in the early learning quality
10 assurance report [pilot] program shall be voluntary for any
11 licensed or license-exempt early learning providers that are
12 center-based or home-based and are providing services for
13 children from any ages from birth up to kindergarten.

14 3. The early learning quality assurance report may
15 include, but is not limited to, information regarding staff
16 qualifications, instructional quality, professional
17 development, health and safety standards, parent engagement,
18 and community engagement.

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

19 4. The early learning quality assurance report shall
20 not be used for enforcement of compliance with any law or
21 for any punitive purposes.

22 5. The department of elementary and secondary
23 education shall promulgate all necessary rules and
24 regulations for the administration of this section. Any
25 rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in
26 section 536.010, that is created under the authority
27 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it
28 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of
29 chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This
30 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the
31 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter
32 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove
33 and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,
34 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed
35 or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

36 [6. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

37 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under
38 this section shall automatically sunset three years after
39 August 28, 2019, unless reauthorized by an act of the
40 general assembly; and

41 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program
42 authorized under this section shall automatically sunset
43 three years after the effective date of the reauthorization
44 of this section; and

45 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of
46 the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in
47 which the program authorized under this section is sunset.]

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