SENATE AMENDMENT NO.

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Amend SS/HCS/House Bill No. 999, Page 1, Section A, Line 3,

2	by inserting after all of said line the following:
3	"135.1310. 1. This section shall be known and may be
4	cited as the "Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Act".
5	2. For purposes of this section, the following terms
6	<pre>shall mean:</pre>
7	(1) "Child care", the same as defined in section
8	210.201;
9	(2) "Child care desert", a census tract that has a
10	poverty rate of at least twenty percent or a median family
11	income of less than eighty percent of the statewide average
12	and where at least five hundred people or thirty-three
13	percent of the population are located at least one-half mile
14	away from a child care provider in urbanized areas or at
15	least ten miles away in rural areas;
16	(3) "Child care provider", a child care provider as
17	defined in section 210.201 that is licensed pursuant to
18	section 210.221, or that is unlicensed and that is
19	registered with the department of elementary and secondary
20	education;
21	(4) "Contribution", an eligible donation of cash,
22	stock, bonds or other marketable securities, or real
23	property. "Contribution" shall include the reasonable
24	purchase price paid for an employer's purchase of child care
25	from a child care provider for the children of the
26	employer's employees;

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         (5) "Department", the Missouri department of economic
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              "Intermediary", a nonprofit organization that is,
    or agrees to become, subject to the jurisdiction of this
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    state for the purposes of the administration and enforcement
    of this section, and that distributes funds for the purposes
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    of supporting a child care provider;
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              "Person related to the taxpayer", an individual
    connected with the taxpayer by blood, adoption, or marriage,
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    or an individual, corporation, partnership, limited
    liability company, trust, or association controlled by, or
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    under the control of, the taxpayer directly, or through an
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    individual, corporation, limited liability company,
    partnership, trust, or association under the control of the
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    taxpayer;
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              "Rural area", a town or community within the state
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    that is not within a metropolitan statistical area and has a
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    population of six thousand or fewer inhabitants as
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    established by the United States Census Bureau, or any
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    unincorporated area not within a metropolitan statistical
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    area;
         (9) "State tax liability", any liability incurred by a
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    taxpayer pursuant to chapter 143 or chapter 148, exclusive
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    of the provisions relating to the withholding of tax as
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    provided for in sections 143.191 to 143.265 and related
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         (10) "Tax credit", a credit against the taxpayer's
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    state tax liability;
         (11) "Taxpayer", a corporation as defined in section
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    143.441 or 143.471, any charitable organization that is
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    exempt from federal income tax and whose Missouri unrelated
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    business taxable income, if any, would be subject to the
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state income tax imposed pursuant to chapter 143, or

individuals or partnerships subject to the state income taximposed by the provisions of chapter 143.

- 3. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, a taxpayer may claim the tax credit authorized in this section against the taxpayer's state tax liability for the tax year in which a verified contribution was made in an amount equal to seventy-five percent of the verified contribution to a child care provider or intermediary. The minimum amount of any tax credit issued shall not be less than one hundred dollars and shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars per tax year.
 - (1) A child care provider or intermediary shall apply to the department to participate in the program established in this section, using a form prescribed by the department.

 The department shall determine eligibility and enter into an agreement that meets the requirements of section 620.017 with an eligible child care facility or intermediary. Only contributions to child care providers and intermediaries that have entered into an agreement with the department may receive a tax credit pursuant to this section.
 - a contribution shall, within sixty days of the date it received the contribution, file a contribution verification with the department and issue a copy of the contribution verification verification to the taxpayer. The contribution verification shall be in the form established by the department and shall include the taxpayer's name, taxpayer's state or federal tax identification number or last four digits of the taxpayer's Social Security number, amount of tax credit sought, amount or description of contribution, legal name and address of the child care provider receiving the tax credit, the child care provider's federal employer identification number, the child care provider's department of elementary and secondary

- 93 education vendor number or license number, the date the
- 94 child care provider received the contribution from the
- 95 taxpayer, and any other information requested by the
- 96 department. The contribution verification shall include a
- 97 signed attestation stating, in the case of a child care
- 98 provider, that the child care provider will use the
- 99 contribution solely to promote child care and, in the case
- of an intermediary, that the intermediary will distribute
- the contribution and any income thereon in full to one or
- 102 more child care providers within two years of receipt.
- 103 (3) The failure of the child care provider or
- 104 intermediary to timely issue the contribution verification
- 105 to the taxpayer or file it with the department shall entitle
- the taxpayer to a refund of the contribution from the child
- 107 care provider or intermediary.
- 108 4. A contribution, whether received from the taxpayer
- 109 claiming the tax credit pursuant to this section or from an
- 110 intermediary, is eligible when:
- 111 (1) The contribution is used directly by the child
- 112 care provider to promote child care for children twelve
- 113 years of age or younger, including by acquiring or improving
- 114 child care facilities, equipment, or services, staff
- 115 salaries, staff training, or improving the quality of child
- 116 care;
- 117 (2) The contribution, if made to an intermediary, is
- 118 distributed in full by the intermediary within two years of
- 119 receipt to one or more child care providers for the sole
- 120 purpose of promoting child care for children twelve years of
- 121 age or younger;
- 122 (3) The contribution is made to a child care provider
- 123 or intermediary in which the taxpayer or a person related to
- 124 the taxpayer does not have a direct financial interest;

125	(4) The contribution made to an intermediary is not
126	designated for a child care provider in which the taxpayer
127	or a person related to the taxpayer has a direct financial
128	interest; and
129	(5) The contribution is not made in exchange for care
130	of a child or children, unless the contribution is made by
131	an employer in purchasing child care for the children of the
132	employer's employees.
133	5. A child care provider or intermediary that uses the
134	contribution for an ineligible purpose shall repay to the
135	department the value of the tax credit for the contribution
136	amount used for such ineligible purpose. An intermediary
137	that accepts a contribution and issues a taxpayer a
138	contribution verification is itself permanently ineligible
139	to claim or redeem a tax credit pursuant to this section.
140	6. (1) The tax credits authorized by this section
141	shall not be refundable and shall not be transferred, sold,
142	or otherwise conveyed. Any amount of approved tax credits
143	that a taxpayer is prohibited by this subsection from using
144	for the tax year in which the credit is first claimed may be
145	carried forward to the taxpayer's subsequent tax year for up
146	to six succeeding tax years.
147	(2) In the case of a taxpayer that has or elects pass-
148	through taxation pursuant to federal income tax law, the tax
149	credits issued pursuant to this section shall be apportioned
150	in proportion to the share of ownership of the taxpayer on
151	the last day of the taxpayer's tax period for which such tax
152	credits will be issued, to the following:
153	(a) The shareholders of the S corporation;
154	(b) The partners in a partnership; or
155	(c) The members of a limited liability company that
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income tax law.

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          (3) A taxpayer shall not claim a tax credit pursuant
     to this section and a tax credit pursuant to section
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     135.1325 for the same contribution or expenditure.
          7. Notwithstanding any provision of subsection 6 of
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     this section to the contrary, a taxpayer that is exempt,
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     under 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3), and any amendments
     thereto, from all or part of the federal income tax shall be
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     eligible for a refund of its tax credit issued under this
     section, without regard to whether it has incurred any state
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     tax liability. Such exempt taxpayer may claim a refund of
     the tax credit on its tax return required to be filed under
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     the provisions of chapter 143, exclusive of the return for
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     the withholding of tax under sections 143.191 to 143.265.
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     under the provisions of chapter 143, the exempt taxpayer may
     claim a refund of the tax credit on a refund claim form
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     prescribed by the department of revenue. The department of
     revenue shall prescribe such forms, instructions, and rules
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     as it deems appropriate to carry out the provisions of this
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     subsection.
          8. (1) The amount of tax credits authorized pursuant
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     to this section shall not exceed twenty million dollars for
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     each calendar year. The department shall approve tax credit
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     applications on a first-come, first-served basis until the
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     tax credit authorization limit is reached for the calendar
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     child care contribution tax credit by submitting a copy of
     the contribution verification provided by a child care
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     tax credit certificate to the taxpayer.
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- this subsection is authorized, the maximum amount of tax 191 credits allowed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this 192 193 subsection shall be increased by fifteen percent, provided that all such increases in the allowable amount of tax 194 195 credits shall be reserved for contributions made to child 196 care providers located in a child care desert. The director of the department shall publish such adjusted amount. 197 The tax credits allowed under this section shall be 198 considered a domestic and social tax credit under 199 200 subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of section 135.800. 10. All action and communication undertaken or 201 202 required under this section shall be exempt from section 203 105.1500. 11. The department may promulgate rules to implement 204 and administer the provisions of this section. Any rule or 205 206 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 207 536.010, that is created pursuant to the authority delegated 208 in this section shall become effective only if it complies 209 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 210 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested 211 with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, 212 to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a 213 214 rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted 215 216 after August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void. 217 12. Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset 218 act: (1) The program authorized under this section shall 219 220 expire on December 31, 2031, unless reauthorized by the
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general assembly;

222	(2) The act shall terminate on September first of the
223	calendar year immediately following the calendar year in
224	which the program authorized under this section is sunset;
225	(3) If such program is reauthorized, the program
226	authorized under this act shall automatically sunset six
227	years after the effective date of the reauthorization of
228	this section; and
229	(4) The provisions of this subsection shall not be
230	construed to limit or in any way impair the department of
231	revenue's ability to redeem tax credits authorized on or
232	before the date the program authorized pursuant to this
233	section expires or a taxpayer's ability to redeem such tax
234	<pre>credits.</pre>
235	135.1325. 1. This section shall be known and may be
236	cited as the "Employer Provided Child Care Assistance Tax
237	Credit Act".
238	2. For purposes of this section, the following terms
239	<pre>shall mean:</pre>
240	(1) "Child care desert", a census tract that has a
241	poverty rate of at least twenty percent or a median family
242	income of less than eighty percent of the statewide average
243	and where at least five hundred people or thirty-three
244	percent of the population are located at least one-half mile
245	away from a child care provider in urbanized areas or at
246	least ten miles away in rural areas;
247	(2) "Child care facility", a child care facility as
248	defined in section 210.201 that is licensed pursuant to
249	section 210.221, or that is unlicensed and that is
250	registered with the department of elementary and secondary
251	<pre>education;</pre>
252	(3) "Child care provider", a child care provider as
253	defined in section 210.201 that is licensed pursuant to

section 210.221, or that is unlicensed and that is

255	registered with the department of elementary and secondary
256	<pre>education;</pre>
257	(4) "Department", the Missouri department of economic
258	<pre>development;</pre>
259	(5) "Employer matching contribution", a contribution
260	made by the taxpayer to a cafeteria plan, as that term is
261	used in 26 U.S.C. Section 125, of an employee of the
262	taxpayer, which matches a dollar amount or percentage of the
263	employee's contribution to the cafeteria plan. "Employer
264	matching contribution" shall not include the amount of any
265	salary reduction or other compensation foregone by the
266	employee in connection with the cafeteria plan;
267	(6) "Qualified child care expenditure", an amount paid
268	of reasonable costs incurred that meet any of the following:
269	(a) To acquire, construct, rehabilitate, or expand
270	property that will be, or is, used as part of a child care
271	facility that is either operated by the taxpayer or
272	contracted with by the taxpayer and which does not
273	constitute part of the principal residence of the taxpayer
274	or any employee of the taxpayer;
275	(b) For the operating costs of a child care facility
276	of the taxpayer, including costs relating to the training of
277	child care employees, scholarship programs, and for
278	compensation to child care employees;
279	(c) Under a contract with a child care facility to
280	provide child care services to employees of the taxpayer; or
281	(d) As an employer matching contribution, but only to
282	the extent such employer matching contribution is restricted
283	by the taxpayer solely for the taxpayer's employee to obtain
284	child care services at a child care facility and is used for
285	that purpose during the tax year;
286	(7) "Rural area", a town or community within the state
287	that is not within a metropolitan statistical area and has a

- 288 population of six thousand or fewer inhabitants as
 289 established by the United States Census Bureau, or any
 290 unincorporated area not within a metropolitan statistical
 291 area;
- 292 (8) "State tax liability", any liability incurred by
 293 the taxpayer pursuant to the provisions of chapter 143 or
 294 chapter 148, exclusive of the provisions relating to the
 295 withholding of tax as provided for in sections 143.191 to
 296 143.265 and related provisions;
- 297 (9) "Tax credit", a credit against the taxpayer's
 298 state tax liability;
- 299 (10) "Taxpayer", a corporation as defined in section
 300 143.441 or 143.471, any charitable organization that is
 301 exempt from federal income tax and whose Missouri unrelated
 302 business taxable income, if any, would be subject to the
 303 state income tax imposed under chapter 143, or individuals
 304 or partnerships subject to the state income tax imposed by
 305 the provisions of chapter 143.
- 3. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 306 307 2026, a taxpayer with two or more employees may claim a tax credit authorized in this section in an amount equal to 308 309 thirty percent of the qualified child care expenditures paid 310 or incurred with respect to a child care facility in order 311 to provide child care to the taxpayer's employees. The 312 maximum amount of any tax credit issued under this section 313 shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars per taxpayer 314 per tax year.
- 4. A facility shall not be treated as a child care

 facility with respect to a taxpayer unless enrollment in the

 facility is open to the dependents of employees of the

 taxpayer during the tax year, provided that the dependents

 fall within the age range ordinarily cared for by, and only

- 320 require a level of care ordinarily provided by, such 321 facility. 5. (1) 322 The tax credits authorized by this section shall not be refundable or transferable. The tax credits 323 324 shall not be sold, assigned, or otherwise conveyed. Any 325 amount of approved tax credits that a taxpayer is prohibited by this subsection from using for the tax year in which the 326 327 credit is first claimed may be carried forward to the taxpayer's subsequent tax year for up to six succeeding tax 328 329 years. 330 (2) In the case of a taxpayer that has or elects pass-331 through taxation pursuant to federal income tax law, the tax 332 credits issued pursuant to this section shall be apportioned 333 in proportion to the share of ownership of the taxpayer on 334 the last day of the taxpayer's tax period for which such tax credits will be issued, to the following: 335 336 (a) The shareholders of the S corporation; 337 (b) The partners in a partnership; or 338 (c) The members of a limited liability company that 339 has or elects pass-through taxation pursuant to federal 340 income tax law. (3) A taxpayer shall not claim a tax credit pursuant 341 to this section and a tax credit pursuant to section 342 343 135.1310 or 135.1350 for the same contribution or 344 expenditure. 6. Notwithstanding any provision of subsection 5 of 345 this section to the contrary, a taxpayer that is exempt, 346 under 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3), and any amendments 347 thereto, from all or part of the federal income tax shall be 348 349 eligible for a refund of its tax credit issued under this 350 section, without regard to whether it has incurred any state
- 352 the tax credit on its tax return required to be filed under

tax liability. Such exempt taxpayer may claim a refund of

the provisions of chapter 143, exclusive of the return for 353 354 the withholding of tax under sections 143.191 to 143.265. 355 If such exempt taxpayer is not required to file a tax return under the provisions of chapter 143, the exempt taxpayer may 356 357 claim a refund of the tax credit on a refund claim form prescribed by the department of revenue. The department of 358 revenue shall prescribe such forms, instructions, and rules 359 360 as it deems appropriate to carry out the provisions of this 361 subsection. 362 7. (1) The amount of tax credits authorized pursuant to this section shall not exceed twenty million dollars for 363 each calendar year. The department shall approve tax credit 364 365 applications on a first-come, first-served basis until the 366 tax credit authorization limit is reached for the calendar 367 year. (2) If the maximum amount of tax credits allowed in 368 369 any calendar year as provided pursuant to subdivision (1) of 370 this subsection is authorized, the maximum amount of tax 371 credits allowed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this 372 subsection shall be increased by fifteen percent, provided that all such increases in the allowable amount of tax 373 374 credits shall be reserved for qualified child care expenditures for child care facilities located in a child 375 376 care desert. The director of the department shall publish 377 such adjusted amount. 378 8. A taxpayer who has been issued a tax credit under 379 this section shall notify the department within sixty days of any cessation of operation, change in ownership, or 380 381 agreement to assume recapture liability as such terms are 382 defined by 26 U.S.C. Section 45F, in the form and manner prescribed by department rule or instruction. If there is a 383 cessation of operation or change in ownership relating to a 384

child care facility, the department may require the taxpayer

386 to repay the department an amount equal to the credit issued under this section, but this recapture amount shall be 387 388 limited to the tax credit allowed under this section. The recapture amount shall be considered a tax liability arising 389 390 on the tax payment due date for the tax year in which the 391 cessation of operation, change in ownership, or agreement to assume recapture liability occurred and shall be assessed 392 and collected under the same provisions that apply to a tax 393 394 liability under chapter 143 or chapter 148, provided that no 395 interest shall be assessed against any amounts recaptured 396 pursuant to this subsection. The tax credit allowed pursuant to this section 397 398 shall be considered a domestic and social tax credit under 399 subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of section 135.800. 400 10. All action and communication undertaken or 401 required under this section shall be exempt from section 402 105.1500. 11. The department may promulgate rules to implement 403 and administer the provisions of this section. Any rule or 404 405 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created pursuant to the authority delegated 406 407 in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 408 409 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and 410 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested 411 with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a 412 rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant 413 of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted 414 after August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void. 415 12. Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset 416

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act:

418	(1) The program authorized under this act shall expire
419	on December 31, 2031, unless reauthorized by the general
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421	(2) The act shall terminate on September first of the
422	calendar year immediately following the calendar year in
423	which the program authorized under the act is sunset;
424	(3) If such program is reauthorized, the program
425	authorized under this act shall automatically sunset six
426	years after the effective date of the reauthorization of the
427	act; and
428	(4) The provisions of this subsection shall not be
429	construed to limit or in any way impair the department of
430	revenue's ability to redeem tax credits authorized on or
431	before the date the program authorized pursuant to this
432	section expires or a taxpayer's ability to redeem such tax
433	credits.
434	135.1350. 1. This section shall be known and may be
435	cited as the "Child Care Providers Tax Credit Act".
436	2. For purposes of this section, the following terms
437	<pre>shall mean:</pre>
438	(1) "Capital expenditures", expenses incurred by a
439	child care provider, during the tax year for which a tax
440	credit is claimed pursuant to this section, for the
441	construction, renovation, or rehabilitation of a child care
442	facility to the extent necessary to operate a child care
443	facility and comply with applicable child care facility
444	regulations promulgated by the department of elementary and
445	secondary education;
446	(2) "Child care desert", a census tract that has a
447	poverty rate of at least twenty percent or a median family
448	income of less than eighty percent of the statewide average
449	and where at least five hundred people or thirty-three
450	percent of the population are located at least one-half mile

- 451 <u>away from a child care provider in urbanized areas or at</u> 452 least ten miles away in rural areas;
- 453 (3) "Child care facility", a child care facility as
 454 defined in section 210.201 that is licensed pursuant to
- 455 section 210.221, or that is unlicensed and that is
- 456 registered with the department of elementary and secondary
- 457 education;
- 458 (4) "Child care provider", a child care provider as
- defined in section 210.201 that is licensed pursuant to
- 460 section 210.221, or that is unlicensed and that is
- 461 registered with the department of elementary and secondary
- 462 education;
- (5) "Department", the department of elementary and
- 464 secondary education;
- 465 (6) "Employee", an employee, as that term is used in
- 466 subsection 2 of section 143.191, of a child care provider
- 467 who worked for the child care provider for an average of at
- 468 least ten hours per week for at least a three-month period
- 469 during the tax year for which a tax credit is claimed
- 470 pursuant to this section and who is not an immediate family
- 471 member of the child care provider;
- 472 (7) "Eligible employer withholding tax", the total
- 473 amount of tax that the child care provider was required,
- 474 under section 143.191, to deduct and withhold from the wages
- 475 it paid to employees during the tax year for which the child
- 476 care provider is claiming a tax credit pursuant to this
- 477 section, to the extent actually paid. "Eligible employer
- 478 withholding tax" shall not include any additional voluntary
- 479 withholding requested by an employee;
- 480 (8) "Rural area", a town or community within the state
- 481 that is not within a metropolitan statistical area and has a
- 482 population of six thousand or fewer inhabitants as
- 483 established by the United States Census Bureau, or any

- 484 unincorporated area not within a metropolitan statistical
 485 area;
- 486 (9) "State tax liability", any liability incurred by

 487 the taxpayer pursuant to the provisions of chapter 143,
- 488 exclusive of the provisions relating to the withholding of
- tax as provided for in sections 143.191 to 143.265 and
- 490 <u>related provisions;</u>
- 491 (10) "Tax credit", a credit against the taxpayer's
 492 state tax liability;
- 493 (11) "Taxpayer", a corporation as defined in section
- 494 143.441 or 143.471, any charitable organization that is
- 495 exempt from federal income tax and whose Missouri unrelated
- 496 business taxable income, if any, would be subject to the
- 497 state income tax imposed under chapter 143, or an individual
- 498 or partnership subject to the state income tax imposed by
- the provisions of chapter 143.
- 3. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1,
- 501 2026, a child care provider with three or more employees may
- 502 claim a tax credit authorized in this section in an amount
- equal to the child care provider's eligible employer
- 504 withholding tax, and may also claim a tax credit in an
- amount up to thirty percent of the child care provider's
- 506 capital expenditures. No tax credit for capital
- 507 expenditures shall be allowed if the capital expenditures
- are less than one thousand dollars. The amount of any tax
- credit issued under this section shall not exceed two
- 510 hundred thousand dollars per child care provider per tax
- <u>year.</u>
- 512 4. To claim a tax credit authorized pursuant to this
- 513 section, a child care provider shall submit to the
- 514 department, for preliminary approval, an application for the
- 515 tax credit on a form provided by the department and at such
- 516 times as the department may require. If the child care

- 517 provider is applying for a tax credit for capital
- 518 expenditures, the child care provider shall present proof
- 519 acceptable to the department that the child care provider's
- 520 capital expenditures satisfy the requirements of subdivision
- 521 (1) of subsection 2 of this section. Upon final approval of
- 522 an application, the department shall issue the child care
- 523 provider a certificate of tax credit.
- 5. (1) The tax credits authorized by this section
- 525 shall not be refundable and shall not be transferred, sold,
- 526 assigned, or otherwise conveyed. Any amount of credit that
- 527 exceeds the child care provider's state tax liability for
- 528 the tax year for which the tax credit is issued may be
- 529 carried forward to the child care provider's subsequent tax
- year for up to six succeeding tax years.
- 531 (2) In the case of a taxpayer that has or elects pass-
- 532 through taxation pursuant to federal income tax law, the tax
- 533 credits issued pursuant to this section shall be apportioned
- in proportion to the share of ownership of the taxpayer on
- 535 the last day of the taxpayer's tax period for which such tax
- 536 credits will be issued, to the following:
- 537 (a) The shareholders of the S corporation;
- 538 (b) The partners in a partnership; or
- (c) The members of a limited liability company that
- has or elects pass-through taxation pursuant to federal
- 541 income tax law.
- 542 (3) A taxpayer shall not claim a tax credit pursuant
- 543 to this section and a tax credit pursuant to section
- 544 135.1325 for the same contribution or expenditure.
- 6. Notwithstanding any provision of subsection 5 of
- 546 this section to the contrary, a child care provider that is
- 547 exempt, under 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3), and any
- 548 amendments thereto, from all or part of the federal income
- 549 tax shall be eligible for a refund of its tax credit issued

- 550 under this section, without regard to whether it has
- 551 incurred any state tax liability. Such exempt child care
- 552 provider may claim a refund of the tax credit on its tax
- return required to be filed under the provisions of chapter
- 554 143, exclusive of the return for the withholding of tax
- under sections 143.191 to 143.265. If such exempt child
- 556 care provider is not required to file a tax return under the
- provisions of chapter 143, the exempt child care provider
- 558 may claim a refund of the tax credit on a refund claim form
- 559 prescribed by the department of revenue. The department of
- revenue shall prescribe such forms, instructions, and rules
- as it deems appropriate to carry out the provisions of this
- subsection.
- 7. (1) The amount of tax credits authorized pursuant
- to this section shall not exceed twenty million dollars for
- 565 each calendar year. The department shall approve tax credit
- applications on a first-come, first-served basis until the
- 567 tax credit authorization limit is reached for the calendar
- 568 year.
- 569 (2) If the maximum amount of tax credits allowed in
- 570 any calendar year as provided pursuant to subdivision (1) of
- 571 this subsection is authorized, the maximum amount of tax
- 572 credits allowed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
- 573 subsection shall be increased by fifteen percent, provided
- 574 that all such increases in the allowable amount of tax
- 575 credits shall be reserved for child care providers located
- 576 in a child care desert. The director of the department
- 577 shall publish such adjusted amount.
- 578 8. The tax credit authorized by this section shall be
- 579 considered a domestic and social tax credit under
- 580 subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of section 135.800.
- 581 9. All action and communication undertaken or required
- with respect to this section shall be exempt from section

- 105.1500. Notwithstanding section 32.057 or any other tax
 confidentiality law to the contrary, the department of
 revenue may disclose tax information to the department for
 the purpose of the verification of a child care provider's
 eligible employer withholding tax under this section.
- 588 10. The department may promulgate rules and adopt statements of policy, procedures, forms and guidelines to 589 implement and administer the provisions of this section. 590 591 Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in 592 section 536.010, that is created pursuant to the authority 593 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of 594 chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This 595 596 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the 597 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove 598 599 and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, 600 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed 601 or adopted after August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.
- 602 11. Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset 603 act:
- (1) The program authorized under this section shall
 expire on December 31, 2031, unless reauthorized by the
 general assembly;

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- (2) The act shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset;
- 610 (3) If such program is reauthorized, the program
 611 authorized under this section shall automatically sunset six
 612 years after the effective date of the reauthorization of
 613 this section; and
- 614 (4) The provisions of this subsection shall not be
 615 construed to limit or in any way impair the department of

616	revenue's ability to redeem tax credits authorized on or
617	before the date the program authorized pursuant to this
618	section expires or a taxpayer's ability to redeem such tax
619	<pre>credits."; and</pre>
620	Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.