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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 210, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section establishing a community child care program.

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

Section A. Chapter 210, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 210.261, to read as follows:

210.261. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Department", the department of health;

(2) "Program", the Mature Worker Child Care Program.

2. There is hereby established within the department of health a program to be known as the "Mature Worker Child Care Program". The program will administer a statewide community service to enroll disadvantaged individuals, who are fifty years of age or older, to work in child care assignments. Enrollees may include qualified individuals who are currently participating in existing community service programs.

3. The department shall solicit proposals from organizations seeking to contract to supervise the participants. Organizations that are awarded a contract will be responsible for recruiting and training participants, locating child care assignments, and paying participants. Contract proposals shall include:

(1) A requirement that participants in the program be paid the federal minimum wage;

(2) A process that allows participants to work an average of twenty-four hours a week for public and not for profit day care providers and for school latch-key programs that provide before and after school care;

(3) A description of the range of services to be performed by program participants, including, but not limited to, child care, food preparation, transportation,

activity coordination, and clerical duties;

(4) A requirement that the participating facilities provide proof of required licensure under sections 210.201 to 210.259, with the exception of the public school system.

4. The program shall be implemented by July 1, 2000, and shall be funded through general revenue funds with no more than twelve percent of the funds to be used for administrative purposes.

5. Subject to appropriations and to the provisions of chapter 34, RSMo, the oversight division of the committee on legislative research shall award up to thirty thousand dollars every two years for an independent evaluation of the program. Based on this program evaluation, the department shall provide a comprehensive report on the program to the speaker of the house and the president pro tem of the senate by March first of each year, beginning in 2001.

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