

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1071
101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Section A. Section 161.217, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.217, to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

5. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay
20 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then
21 the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall
22 be invalid and void.

23 6. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

24 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall automatically
25 sunset [~~three years after August 28, 2019~~] **four years after August 28, 2021**, unless reauthorized
26 by an act of the general assembly; and

27 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section shall
28 automatically sunset [~~three years~~] **four years** after the effective date of the reauthorization of this
29 section; and

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

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