

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1951

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAGG.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 210, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the protection of children.

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*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  
2 known as section 210.126, to read as follows:

**210.126. Notwithstanding any provision of law:**

2       **(1) If a child is removed from the child's home for the first time because a police**  
3 **officer, law enforcement official, or physician has reasonable cause to suspect that the**  
4 **child is suffering from illness, injury, abuse, or neglect, or is in danger of such, the child**  
5 **shall be placed in a foster home. The parent or guardian shall be given twelve months**  
6 **from the time the child is removed from the parent's or guardian's home to complete a**  
7 **rehabilitation program or parental training, which shall be paid for by the state. If the**  
8 **parent or guardian does not complete the program or training required under this**  
9 **subdivision, the child shall be placed in the custody of the children's division and placed**  
10 **for adoption. If the parent or guardian completes the program or training required**  
11 **under this subdivision, the parent or guardian shall regain custody of his or her child,**  
12 **provided that the parent or guardian receives biweekly supervised visits from the**  
13 **children's division for a period of twelve months;**

14       **(2) If a parent or guardian has regained custody of his or her child under**  
15 **subdivision (1) of this section but the child is removed from the home for a second time**  
16 **because a police officer, law enforcement official, or physician has reasonable cause to**  
17 **suspect that the child is suffering from illness, injury, abuse, or neglect, or is in danger of**

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.

18 such, the child shall be placed in a foster home. The parent or guardian shall be given  
19 six months from the time the child is removed from the parent's or guardian's home to  
20 complete a rehabilitation program or parental training, which shall be paid for by the  
21 state. If the parent or guardian does not complete the program or training required  
22 under this subdivision, the child shall be placed in the custody of the children's division  
23 and placed for adoption. If the parent or guardian completes the program or training  
24 required under this subdivision, the parent or guardian shall regain custody of the child,  
25 provided that the parent or guardian receives biweekly supervised visits from the  
26 children's division for a period of six months; and

27 (3) If a parent or guardian has regained custody of his or her child under  
28 subdivision (2) of this section but the child is removed from the home for a third time  
29 because a police officer, law enforcement official, or physician has reasonable cause to  
30 suspect that the child is suffering from illness, injury, abuse, or neglect, or is in danger of  
31 such, the child shall be moved to a foster home and placed for adoption. The parent or  
32 guardian shall relinquish his or her rights to that child to the state.

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