

# SENATE BILL NO. 457

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RIZZO.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

### AN ACT

To repeal section 210.201, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to Montessori schools.

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

Section A. Section 210.201, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 210.201, to read as follows:

210.201. As used in sections 210.201 to 210.257, the following terms mean:

(1) "Child", an individual who is under the age of seventeen;

(2) "Child care", care of a child away from his or her home for any part of the twenty-four-hour day for compensation or otherwise. "Child care" is a voluntary supplement to parental responsibility for the child's protection, development, and supervision;

(3) "Child-care facility" or "child care facility", a house or other place conducted or maintained by any person who advertises or holds himself or herself out as providing child care for any part of the twenty-four-hour day for compensation or otherwise if providing child care to more than:

(a) Six children; or

(b) Three children under two years of age;

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

18           (4) "Child care provider" or "provider", the person or  
19 persons licensed or required to be licensed under section  
20 210.221 to establish, conduct, or maintain a child care  
21 facility;

22           (5) "Montessori school", a [child care] program that  
23 [subscribes to Maria Montessori's educational philosophy and  
24 that is accredited by the American Montessori Society or the  
25 Association Montessori Internationale] **is either accredited**  
26 **by or maintains an active school membership with a**  
27 **professional society represented on the board of directors**  
28 **of the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher**  
29 **Education;**

30           (6) "Neighborhood youth development program", as  
31 described in section 210.278;

32           (7) "Nursery school", a program operated by a person  
33 or an organization with the primary function of providing an  
34 educational program for preschool-age children for no more  
35 than four hours per day per child;

36           (8) "Person", any individual, firm, corporation,  
37 partnership, association, agency, or an incorporated or  
38 unincorporated organization regardless of the name used;

39           (9) "Religious organization", a church, synagogue or  
40 mosque; an entity that has or would qualify for federal tax-  
41 exempt status as a nonprofit religious organization under  
42 Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; or an entity  
43 whose real estate on which the child-care facility is  
44 located is exempt from taxation because it is used for  
45 religious purposes;

46           (10) "School system", a program established primarily  
47 for education and that meets the following criteria:

48           (a) Provides education in at least the first to the  
49 sixth grade; and

50           (b) Provides evidence that the school system's records  
51 will be accepted by a public or private school for the  
52 transfer of any student;

53           (11) "Summer camp", a program operated from May to  
54 September by a person or organization with the primary  
55 function of providing a summer recreational program for  
56 children five years of age or older and providing no child  
57 care for children under five years of age in the same  
58 building or in the same outdoor play area.

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