

HOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_

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1 AMEND Senate Bill No. 885, Section 210.861, Page 3, Line 73 by inserting after all of said Line  
2 the following:

3 "Section 1. 1. There is hereby created within the department of social services the  
4 "Missouri State Foster Care and Adoption Advisory Board", which shall provide an independent  
5 review of policies and procedures related to the provision of foster care and adoption in Missouri  
6 and make recommendations to improve the provision of foster care and adoption services to  
7 children statewide. The board will be comprised of a minimum of fourteen foster, adoptive, and  
8 career foster parents as follows:

9 (1) Two of the members shall represent each other of the seven children's division areas of  
10 the state of Missouri delineated as follows:

11 (a) The northwest region;

12 (b) The northeast region;

13 (c) The southeast region;

14 (d) The southwest region;

15 (e) The Kansas City region;

16 (f) The St. Louis area region;

17 (g) The St. Louis City region;

18 (2) Area members will be selected by local foster care and adoption advisory boards or  
19 similar entities in a manner of their choosing.

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1 2. Foster care and adoption association representatives will be voting members of the  
2 board as approved by the board.

3 3. All members of the board shall serve for a term of at least two years. Members may be  
4 re-selected to the board by their entities for consecutive terms. All vacancies on the board shall be  
5 filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner in which the board membership  
6 which is vacant was originally filled.

7 4. Each member of the board may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses  
8 incurred by the member in performance of his or her official duties. All reimbursements made  
9 pursuant to this subsection shall be made from funds within the children's division budget.

10 5. All business transaction of the board shall be conducted in public meetings in  
11 accordance with sections 610.010 to 610.030, RSMo.

12 6. The board shall elect officers from the membership consisting of a chairperson, co-  
13 chairperson, and secretary. Officers shall serve for a term of two years. The board may elect such  
14 other officers and establish such committees as it deems appropriate.

15 7. The board shall establish such procedures necessary to review children's division  
16 proposed policy and provide written responses to the children's division indicating any comments  
17 or concerns within thirty days of receipt of the proposed policy.

18 8. The board shall establish such communication procedures necessary to provide written  
19 suggestions to the children's division for improvements in foster care or adoption practice, and to  
20 respond to requests from the children's division for assistance with such problems.

21 9. The board shall provide upon request of the director of the department of social  
22 services, the Governor, or the legislature, a written report of annual activities conducted and  
23 recommendations made.

24 10. The board shall exercise its powers and duties independently of the department of  
25 social services children's division except that budgetary, procurement, accounting, and other  
26 related management functions shall be performed by the children's division."; and

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28 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
29 accordingly.

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