

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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# HOUSE BILL NO. 2270

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE COOPER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 334, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to SAFE CARE providers.

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

Section A. Chapter 334, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 334.950, to read as follows:

**334.950. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:**

2 (1) "Child abuse medical resource centers", medical institutions affiliated with  
3 accredited children's hospitals or recognized institutions of higher education with  
4 accredited medical school programs that provide training, support, mentoring, and peer  
5 review to SAFE CARE providers in Missouri;

6 (2) "SAFE CARE provider", a physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician's  
7 assistant licensed in this state who provides medical diagnosis and treatment to children  
8 suspected of being victims of abuse and who receives:

9 (a) Missouri-based initial intensive training regarding child maltreatment from the  
10 SAFE CARE network;

11 (b) Ongoing update training on child maltreatment from the SAFE CARE  
12 network;

13 (c) Peer review and new provider mentoring regarding the forensic evaluation of  
14 children suspected of being victims of abuse from the SAFE CARE network;

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.

15           **(3) "Sexual assault forensic examination child abuse resource education network"**  
16 **or "SAFE CARE network", a network of SAFE CARE providers and child abuse medical**  
17 **resource centers that collaborate to provide forensic evaluations, medical training, support,**  
18 **mentoring, and peer review for SAFE CARE providers for the medical evaluation of child**  
19 **abuse victims in this state to improve outcomes for children who are victims of or at risk**  
20 **for child maltreatment by enhancing the skills and role of the medical provider in a**  
21 **multidisciplinary context.**

22           **2. Child abuse medical resource centers may collaborate directly or through the use**  
23 **of technology with SAFE CARE providers to promote improved services to children who**  
24 **are suspected victims of abuse that will need to have a forensic medical evaluation**  
25 **conducted by providing specialized training for forensic medical evaluations for children**  
26 **conducted in a hospital, child advocacy center, or by a private health care professional**  
27 **without the need for a collaborative agreement between the child abuse medical resource**  
28 **center and a SAFE CARE provider.**

29           **3. SAFE CARE providers who are a part of the SAFE CARE network in Missouri**  
30 **may collaborate directly or through the use of technology with other SAFE CARE**  
31 **providers and child abuse medical resource centers to promote improved services to**  
32 **children who are suspected victims of abuse that will need to have a forensic medical**  
33 **evaluation conducted by providing specialized training for forensic medical evaluations for**  
34 **children conducted in a hospital, child advocacy center, or by a private health care**  
35 **professional without the need for a collaborative agreement between the child abuse**  
36 **medical resource center and a SAFE CARE provider.**

37           **4. The SAFE CARE network shall develop recommendations concerning medically**  
38 **based screening processes and forensic evidence collection for children who may be in need**  
39 **of an emergency examination following an alleged sexual assault. Such recommendations**  
40 **shall be provided to the SAFE CARE providers, child advocacy centers, hospitals and**  
41 **licensed practitioners that provide emergency examinations for children suspected of being**  
42 **victims of abuse.**

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