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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 178.693, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the quality early childhood act.

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

Section A. Section 178.693, RSMo, is repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 178.693, 208.026, and 208.052, to read as follows:

178.693. 1. School districts that offer an approved program of parent education shall be eligible for state reimbursement, pursuant to section 163.031, subject to appropriations therefor for each participating family. If a school district fails or is unable to offer an approved program of parent education, the district shall enter into a contract which meets the requirements under section 178.697, with another district, public agency or state approved not-for-profit agency offering an approved program for such services. If the district finds that no approved program is available in another district, public agency, or through a state approved not-for-profit agency, it shall request the state department of elementary and secondary education to assist it in obtaining from an approved program, services at the reimbursable rate.

2. School districts that offer an approved program of developmental screening for all children under the age of five years shall be eligible for state reimbursement, pursuant to section 163.031, subject to appropriations therefor for each participating child. If a school district fails or is unable to offer an approved program of developmental screening, the district shall enter into a contract which meets the requirements under section 178.697, with another district, public agency or state approved not-for-profit agency offering an approved program for such services.

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.

16 If the district finds that no approved program is available in another district, public agency or
17 state approved not-for-profit agency, it shall request the state department of elementary and
18 secondary education to assist it in obtaining from an approved program, services at the
19 reimbursable rate.

20 3. School districts that offer approved programs for developmentally delayed children
21 ages three and four who may also be eligible for programs under the provisions of sections
22 162.670 to 162.995 shall be eligible for state reimbursement, pursuant to section 163.031, subject
23 to appropriations, provided the children are not receiving the same or similar services for
24 handicapped or severely handicapped children under another program for which reimbursements
25 from the department of elementary and secondary education are available to the district. If a
26 school district fails or is unable to offer an approved program for developmentally delayed
27 children ages three and four, the district shall enter into a contract which meets the requirements
28 under section 178.697, with another district, public agency or state approved not-for-profit
29 agency offering an approved program for such services. If the district finds that no approved
30 program is available in another district, public agency or state approved not-for-profit agency,
31 it shall request the state department of elementary and secondary education to assist it in
32 obtaining from an approved program, services at the reimbursable rate.

33 **4. School districts that have a participation rate of less than fifty percent in the**
34 **parents as teachers program and that provide outreach services for such program shall be**
35 **awarded a grant to fund such outreach services, subject to appropriations for such**
36 **purpose. School districts that target outreach services to families with incomes below two**
37 **hundred percent of the federal poverty level will be given priority in the awarding of grant**
38 **moneys.**

208.026. By July 1, 2015, all licensed child care providers serving families receiving
2 **state-funded child care assistance shall be reimbursed at the current market rate for child**
3 **care as established by the biennial state market rate survey conducted by the department**
4 **of social services under 42 U.S.C. Section 601, et. seq. and 45 CFR 98.43(b)(2).**

208.052. To improve the quality of early childhood programs in this state by
2 **increasing the skill level of child care professionals and by reducing workforce turnover,**
3 **the department of social services shall offer grants through the T.E.A.C.H. early childhood**
4 **Missouri scholarship program and through the workforce incentive initiative to a**
5 **maximum of two hundred fifty child care professionals each year.**