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AN ACT

To repeal section 135.327, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the children in crisis tax credit.

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

Section A. Section 135.327, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 135.327, to read as follows:

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

- 2 (1) "CASA", an entity which receives funding from the court-appointed special advocate
3 fund established under section 476.777, including an association based in this state, affiliated
4 with a national association, organized to provide support to entities receiving funding from the
5 court-appointed special advocate fund;
- 6 (2) "Child advocacy centers", the regional child assessment centers listed in subsection
7 2 of section 210.001;
- 8 (3) "Contribution", **the** amount of **a** donation to **a** qualified agency;
- 9 (4) "Crisis care center", entities contracted with this state which provide temporary care
10 for children whose age ranges from birth through seventeen years of age whose parents or
11 guardian are experiencing an unexpected and unstable or serious condition that requires
12 immediate action resulting in short-term care, usually three to five continuous, uninterrupted
13 days, for children who may be at risk for child abuse, neglect, or in an emergency situation;
- 14 (5) "Department", the department of revenue;
- 15 (6) "Director", the director of the department of revenue;
- 16 (7) "Qualified agency", CASA, child advocacy centers, or a crisis care center;

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.

17 (8) "Tax liability", the tax due under chapter 143 other than taxes withheld under
18 sections 143.191 to 143.265.

19 2. Any person residing in this state who legally adopts a special needs child on or after
20 January 1, 1988, and before January 1, 2000, shall be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to ten
21 thousand dollars for nonrecurring adoption expenses for each child adopted that may be applied
22 to taxes due under chapter 143. Any business entity providing funds to an employee to enable
23 that employee to legally adopt a special needs child shall be eligible to receive a tax credit of up
24 to ten thousand dollars for nonrecurring adoption expenses for each child adopted that may be
25 applied to taxes due under such business entity's state tax liability, except that only one ten
26 thousand dollar credit is available for each special needs child that is adopted.

27 3. Any person residing in this state who proceeds in good faith with the adoption of a
28 special needs child on or after January 1, 2000, shall be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to
29 ten thousand dollars for nonrecurring adoption expenses for each child that may be applied to
30 taxes due under chapter 143; provided, however, that beginning on or after July 1, 2004, two
31 million dollars of the tax credits allowed shall be allocated for the adoption of special needs
32 children who are residents or wards of residents of this state at the time the adoption is initiated.
33 Any business entity providing funds to an employee to enable that employee to proceed in good
34 faith with the adoption of a special needs child shall be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to
35 ten thousand dollars for nonrecurring adoption expenses for each child that may be applied to
36 taxes due under such business entity's state tax liability, except that only one ten thousand dollar
37 credit is available for each special needs child that is adopted.

38 4. Individuals and business entities may claim a tax credit for their total nonrecurring
39 adoption expenses in each year that the expenses are incurred. A claim for fifty percent of the
40 credit shall be allowed when the child is placed in the home. A claim for the remaining fifty
41 percent shall be allowed when the adoption is final. The total of these tax credits shall not
42 exceed the maximum limit of ten thousand dollars per child. The cumulative amount of tax
43 credits which may be claimed by taxpayers claiming the credit for nonrecurring adoption
44 expenses in any one fiscal year prior to July 1, 2004, shall not exceed two million dollars. The
45 cumulative amount of tax credits that may be claimed by taxpayers claiming the credit for
46 nonrecurring adoption expenses shall not be more than four million dollars but may be increased
47 by appropriation in any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2004; provided, however, that
48 by December thirty-first following each July, if less than two million dollars in credits have been
49 issued for adoption of special needs children who are not residents or wards of residents of this
50 state at the time the adoption is initiated, the remaining amount of the cap shall be available for
51 the adoption of special needs children who are residents or wards of residents of this state at the
52 time the adoption is initiated. For all fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2006, applications

53 to claim the adoption tax credit for special needs children who are residents or wards of residents
54 of this state at the time the adoption is initiated shall be filed between July first and April
55 fifteenth of each fiscal year. For all fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2006, applications
56 to claim the adoption tax credit for special needs children who are not residents or wards of
57 residents of this state at the time the adoption is initiated shall be filed between July first and
58 December thirty-first of each fiscal year.

59 5. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any individual or business entity
60 may assign, transfer or sell tax credits allowed in this section. Any sale of tax credits claimed
61 pursuant to this section shall be at a discount rate of seventy-five percent or greater of the amount
62 sold.

63 6. The director of revenue shall establish a procedure by which, for each fiscal year, the
64 cumulative amount of tax credits authorized in this section is equally apportioned among all
65 taxpayers within the two categories specified in subsection 3 of this section claiming the credit
66 in that fiscal year. To the maximum extent possible, the director of revenue shall establish the
67 procedure described in this subsection in such a manner as to ensure that taxpayers within each
68 category can claim all the tax credits possible up to the cumulative amount of tax credits
69 available for the fiscal year.

70 7. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a tax credit may be claimed
71 in an amount equal to up to fifty percent of a verified contribution to a qualified agency and shall
72 be named the children in crisis tax credit. The minimum amount of any tax credit issued shall
73 not be less than fifty dollars and shall be applied to taxes due under chapter 143, excluding
74 sections 143.191 to 143.265. A contribution verification shall be issued to the taxpayer by the
75 agency receiving the contribution. Such contribution verification shall include the taxpayer's
76 name, Social Security number, amount of tax credit, amount of contribution, the name and
77 address of the agency receiving the credit, and the date the contribution was made. The tax credit
78 provided under this subsection shall be initially filed for the year in which the verified
79 contribution is made.

80 8. The cumulative amount of the tax credits redeemed shall not exceed the unclaimed
81 portion of the resident adoption category allocation as described in this section. The director of
82 revenue shall determine the unclaimed portion available. The amount available shall be equally
83 divided among the three qualified agencies: CASA, child advocacy centers, or crisis care centers
84 to be used towards tax credits issued. In the event tax credits claimed under one agency do not
85 total the allocated amount for that agency, the unused portion for that agency will be made
86 available to the remaining agencies equally. In the event the total amount of tax credits claimed
87 for any one agency exceeds the amount available for that agency, the amount redeemed shall and
88 will be apportioned equally to all eligible taxpayers claiming the credit under that agency. After

89 all children in crisis tax credits have been claimed, any remaining unclaimed portion of the
90 reserved allocation for adoptions of special needs children who are residents or wards of
91 residents of this state shall then be made available for adoption tax credit claims of special needs
92 children who are not residents or wards of residents of this state at the time the adoption is
93 initiated.

94 9. Prior to December thirty-first of each year, [the entities listed under the definition of]
95 **each** qualified agency shall apply to the department of social services in order to verify their
96 qualified agency status. Upon a determination that the agency is eligible to be a qualified
97 agency, the department of social services shall provide a letter of eligibility to such agency. No
98 later than February first of each year, the department of social services shall provide a list of
99 qualified agencies to the department of revenue. All tax credit applications to claim the children
100 in crisis tax credit shall be filed between July first and April fifteenth of each fiscal year. A
101 taxpayer shall apply for the children in crisis tax credit by attaching a copy of the contribution
102 verification provided by a qualified agency to such taxpayer's income tax return.

103 10. The tax credits provided under this section shall be subject to the provisions of
104 section 135.333.

105 11. (1) In the event a credit denial, due to lack of available funds, causes a balance-due
106 notice to be generated by the department of revenue, or any other redeeming agency, the taxpayer
107 will not be held liable for any penalty or interest, provided the balance is paid, or approved
108 payment arrangements have been made, within sixty days from the notice of denial.

109 (2) In the event the balance is not paid within sixty days from the notice of denial, the
110 remaining balance shall be due and payable under the provisions of chapter 143.

111 12. The director shall calculate the level of appropriation necessary to issue all tax credits
112 for nonresident special needs adoptions applied for under this section and provide such
113 calculation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate,
114 and the director of the division of budget and planning in the office of administration by January
115 thirty-first of each year.

116 13. The department may promulgate such rules or regulations as are necessary to
117 administer the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined
118 in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become
119 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if
120 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the
121 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
122 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
123 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2006, shall be invalid
124 and void.

125 14. [Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

126 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under subsections 7 to 12 of this
127 section shall automatically sunset six years after August 28, 2006, unless reauthorized by an act
128 of the general assembly; and

129 (2) If such program is reauthorized,] **(1)** The program authorized under [this section
130 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this
131 section; and

132 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately
133 following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset]
134 **subsections 7 to 12 of this section shall expire on August 28, 2018.**

135 **(2) Subsections 7 to 12 of this section shall terminate on September 1, 2019.**

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