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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES KIRKTON (Sponsor), MCNEIL, SCHUPP, ELLINGER,
KELLEY (127) AND GRISAMORE (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 453.072, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to foster care subsidies.

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

Section A. Section 453.072, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 453.072, to read as follows:

453.072. **1.** Any subsidies available to adoptive parents pursuant to section 453.073 and section 453.074 shall also be available to a qualified relative of a child who is granted legal guardianship of the child in the same manner as such subsidies are available for adoptive parents. As used in this section "relative" means any grandparent, **great grandparent**, aunt, **great aunt**, uncle, **great uncle**, adult sibling of the child [or] , adult [first] cousin of the child, **or any fictive kin.**

2. For purposes of this section, "fictive kin" means any individual, whether related or unrelated by birth or marriage, who is shown to have close personal or emotional ties with the child or the child's family prior to the child's placement with the individual.

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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.