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AN ACT

To repeal section 210.861, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to community children's services funds.

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

Section A. Section 210.861, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu

thereof, to be known as section 210.861, to read as follows:

210.861. 1. When the tax prescribed by section 210.860 or section 67.1775 is

established, the governing body of the city or county or city not within a county shall appoint a

3 board of directors consisting of nine members, who shall be residents of the city or county or city not within a county. All board members shall be appointed to serve for a term of three years,

except that of the first board appointed, three members shall be appointed for one-year terms,

three members for two-year terms and three members for three-year terms. Board members may

be reappointed. In a city not within a county, or any county of the first classification with a

charter form of government with a population not less than nine hundred thousand inhabitants,

or any county of the first classification with a charter form of government with a population not

10 less than two hundred thousand inhabitants and not more than six hundred thousand inhabitants,

11 or any noncharter county of the first classification with a population not less than one hundred

seventy thousand and not more than two hundred thousand inhabitants, or any noncharter county 12

of the first classification with a population not less than eighty thousand and not more than 13

14 eighty-three thousand inhabitants, or any third classification county with a population not less

than twenty-eight thousand and not more than thirty thousand inhabitants, or any county of the 15

16 third classification with a population not less than nineteen thousand five hundred and not more

than twenty thousand inhabitants the members of the community mental health board of trustees 17

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. HB 1045

appointed pursuant to the provisions of sections 205.975 to 205.990 shall be the board members for the community children's services fund. The directors shall not receive compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses.

- 2. The board shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, and such other officers as it deems necessary for its membership. Before taking office, the treasurer shall furnish a surety bond or comparable insurance coverage for theft, misappropriation, mismanagement, or other acts, in an amount to be determined and in a form to be approved by the board, for the faithful performance of his or her duties and faithful accounting of all moneys that may come into his or her hands. The treasurer shall enter into the surety bond or comparable insurance coverage with a surety company or insurer authorized to do business in Missouri, and the cost of such bond or comparable insurance coverage shall be paid by the board of directors. The board shall administer and expend all funds generated pursuant to section 210.860 or section 67.1775 in a manner consistent with this section. The board shall not be mandated to expend funds by an act of state legislation without a majority vote of the county or city not within a county.
- 3. The board may contract with public or not-for-profit agencies licensed or certified where appropriate to provide qualified services and may place conditions on the use of such funds. The board shall reserve the right to audit the expenditure of any and all funds. The board and any agency with which the board contracts may establish eligibility standards for the use of such funds and the receipt of services. No member of the board shall serve on the governing body, have any financial interest in, or be employed by any agency which is a recipient of funds generated pursuant to section 210.860 or section 67.1775.
- 4. Revenues collected and deposited in the community children's services fund may be expended for the purchase of the following services:
- (1) Up to thirty days of temporary shelter for abused, neglected, runaway, homeless or emotionally disturbed youth; respite care services; and services to unwed mothers;
- (2) Outpatient chemical dependency and psychiatric treatment programs; counseling and related services as a part of transitional living programs; home-based and community-based family intervention programs; unmarried parent services; crisis intervention services, inclusive of telephone hotlines; and prevention programs which promote healthy lifestyles among children and youth and strengthen families;
- (3) Individual, group, or family professional counseling and therapy services; psychological evaluations; and mental health screenings.
- 5. Any county or city not within a county in which voters have approved the levy of a tax under section 210.860 shall not add services in addition to those which are set forth in subsection 4 of this section at the time such levy is approved by the voters, unless such

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services authorized by statute after the voters have approved the levy are approved by the voters in the same manner as the original levy was approved. A proposal to add services shall be approved as set forth in subsection 3 of section 210.860.

6. Revenues collected and deposited in the community children's services fund may not be expended for inpatient medical, psychiatric, and chemical dependency services, or for transportation services.

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