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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 210, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to juveniles with problem sexual behavior.

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

Section A. Chapter 210, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 210.148, to read as follows:

2 **210.148. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of section 210.145 to the contrary, upon**
3 **the receipt of a report under section 210.145 where the subject of the report is a juvenile**
4 **with problem sexual behavior, the division shall immediately communicate such report to**
5 **the appropriate local office along with any relevant information as may be contained in the**
6 **information system. Upon receipt of the report and relevant information, the local office**
7 **shall use a family assessment and services approach, as described in subsection 14 of**
8 **section 210.145 to respond to the allegation contained in the report.**

9 **2. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the local office from commencing an**
10 **investigation if the local office, at any point in using the family assessment and services**
11 **approach, determines that an investigation is required. Such investigation shall comply**
12 **with the provisions of section 210.145 and may include requesting assistance from the**
13 **appropriate law enforcement agency.**

14 **3. As used in this section, the term "juvenile with problem sexual behavior" shall**
15 **mean any person, under fourteen years of age, who has allegedly committed sexual abuse**
against another younger child.

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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.