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I am in Support of this Bill on its face. There are some confussing Sections.



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The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) supports HB 673, which, among other things, expands the special needs adoption tax credit. This tax credit was established to help encourage and facilitate adoptions of special needs children in the state. However, we know that an increasing number of children are in need of a permanent home. Expanding the special needs adoption tax credit to any adoption will help to encourage more adoptions and provide needed support for those families who are willing to adopt. Pope St. John Paul II, in his address to adoptive families, stated that "To adopt a child is a great work of love. When it is done, much is given, but much is also received. It is a true exchange of gifts." Pope Francis wrote in *Amoris Laetitia*, "The choice of adoption and foster care expresses a particular kind of fruitfulness in the marriage experience, and not only in cases of infertility... They make people aware that children, whether natural, adoptive or taken in foster care, are persons in their own right who need to be accepted, loved and cared for, and not just brought into this world." (180) Providing additional support to families proceeding with adoption is good public policy and the right thing to do. This tax credit represents a fiscally sound way of assisting Missouri families that will pay dividends in the future. The MCC supports HB 673 and asks this committee to vote this bill, "Do Pass."



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There are several provisions included in the bill that improve the child welfare system in Missouri and are in the best interests of children. In particular, we fully support the language created in 211.072. This will allow the State of Missouri to be in compliance with the Federal Juvenile Justice Reform act of 2018, which mandates that youth who are certified as adults and under the age of criminal majority cannot be placed in a county jail unless the Court after conducting a hearing determines that it is in the interest of justice that a youth be held in the county jail versus a juvenile detention center. This change would require certified youth to be placed in one of the sixteen juvenile detention centers across the State of Missouri. These youth would remain in the juvenile detention centers until they reach the age of 18 or until disposition on their adult case. Juvenile detention centers are county owned and operated.



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WITNESS NAME: MIRANDA SULLIVAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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Having some trouble understanding the stricken/added verbiage of this bill. Are “spankings to protect peoples and properties” in schools being stricken from or added to the laws? Per your Birth Match recommendation, while I understand the intent is to preemptively protect children, Birth “Watch” programs across North America have been studied for decades and found to disproportionately target BIPOC and impoverished families dismantling their families. Even our Child Welfare professionals speak loudly and at length about the detriment that dismantling families through these interventions. Currently, the charges we’ve tracked that you listed in the bill are “extreme” and we obviously support children being kept very very far from peoples who traffick or kill children; however some questions. 1) Does the person in question need to have been an adult when the crime was committed? If so, is that age 18? 2) Per “incest”, is this aggravated? I understand that incest is an issue and personally agree but we have found that incest is prevalent in religious groups in Missouri and multi-generational; concerned about who could be effected by this. 3) Involuntary manslaughter is a wide spectrum. Again concerned about these effects. Even some murder charges are questionable when the victim was the abuser. Example: Gypsy Blanchard will hopefully get paroled this December. She killed her abuser, she never should have gone to prison in the first place. Per your Birth Match, am I to understand that she would be enrolled should she ever give birth? The justice systems fail us often, we can’t allow these interpretations of “law” to dismantle our families. Looking forward to learning more about this bill, thank you for your advocacy on behalf of children.