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HOUSE BILL NO. 419

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 453, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to adoption expenses.

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

Section A. Chapter 453, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 453.085, to read as follows:

**453.085. 1. The children's division shall reimburse an adoptive parent for all
2 reasonable nonrecurring adoption expenses, except for one thousand dollars which shall
3 be the responsibility of the adoptive parent. Nonrecurring adoption expenses covered
4 under this section shall include, but not be limited to, attorney's fees, court costs, and other
5 litigation costs associated with the adoption.**

**6 2. The provisions of this section shall only apply to the adoption of children who
7 are in the custody of the children's division.**

**8 3. The children's division shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the
9 provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
10 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective
11 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if
12 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of
13 the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay
14 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
15 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted
16 after August 28, 2021, shall be invalid and void.**

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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.