

# SENATE BILL NO. 800

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HEGEMAN.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 161.217, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the extension of the early learning quality assurance report program.

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

Section A. Section 161.217, RSMo, is repealed and one new  
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.217,  
3 to read as follows:

161.217. 1. The department of elementary and  
2 secondary education, in collaboration with the Missouri Head  
3 Start State Collaboration Office and the departments of  
4 health and senior services, mental health, and social  
5 services, shall develop[, as a three-year pilot program,] a  
6 voluntary early learning quality assurance report. The  
7 early learning quality assurance report shall be developed  
8 based on evidence-based practices.

9 2. Participation in the early learning quality  
10 assurance report [pilot] program shall be voluntary for any  
11 licensed or license-exempt early learning providers that are  
12 center-based or home-based and are providing services for  
13 children from any ages from birth up to kindergarten.

14 3. The early learning quality assurance report may  
15 include, but is not limited to, information regarding staff  
16 qualifications, instructional quality, professional  
17 development, health and safety standards, parent engagement,  
18 and community engagement.

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

19           4. The early learning quality assurance report shall  
20 not be used for enforcement of compliance with any law or  
21 for any punitive purposes.

22           5. The department of elementary and secondary  
23 education shall promulgate all necessary rules and  
24 regulations for the administration of this section. Any  
25 rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in  
26 section 536.010, that is created under the authority  
27 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it  
28 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of  
29 chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This  
30 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the  
31 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter  
32 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove  
33 and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,  
34 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed  
35 or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

36           6. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

37           (1) The provisions of the [new] program authorized  
38 under this section shall automatically sunset [three] **six**  
39 years after August 28, [2019] **2022**, unless reauthorized by  
40 an act of the general assembly; and

41           (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program  
42 authorized under this section shall automatically sunset  
43 three years after the effective date of the reauthorization  
44 of this section; and

45           (3) This section shall terminate on September first of  
46 the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in  
47 which the program authorized under this section is sunset.

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