FIRST REGULAR SESSION [TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED] HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 205

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2013

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AN ACT

To repeal section 211.036, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to foster children.

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

Section A. Section 211.036, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections

- 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 211.036 and 453.350, to read as
- 3 follows:

211.036. If a [child] youth under the age of [eighteen] twenty-one is

- 2 released from the custody of the **children's** division [of family services] and after
- 3 such release it appears that it would be in such [child's] youth's best interest to
- 4 have his **or her** custody returned to the **children's** division [of family services],
- 5 the juvenile officer, the children's division [of family services] or the [child]
- 6 youth may petition the court to return custody of such [child] youth to the
- 7 division until the [child] youth is [eighteen] twenty-one years of age.

453.350. 1. Beginning July 1, 2014, all Missouri foster children

- 2 fifteen years of age or older shall receive a visit to a Missouri state
 - university or a Missouri state community or technical college in the
- 4 foster child's area or an armed services recruiter before the foster child
- 5 may be adopted or otherwise terminated by foster care unless waived
- 6 by the family support team. Such visit shall be in addition to any other
- 7 services that older youth are usually provided and shall include the
- 8 entry application process, financial support application and
- 9 availability, career options with academic or technical training, a tour
- 10 of the school, and other information and experience desired.

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2. Beginning July 1, 2014, all youth fifteen years of age or older 11 in the division of youth services program shall receive a visit to a Missouri state university or a Missouri state community or technical college in the youth's area or an armed services recruiter before the 15 youth's custody or training is completed unless waived by the family 16 support team. Such visit shall be in addition to any other services that 17 older youth are usually provided and shall include the entry application process, financial support application and availability, 18 career options with academic or technical training, a tour of the school, 19 20 and other information and experience desired.

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3. Agencies defined in subsection 2 of section 210.112 that are providing foster care case management services for foster children can document and, if requested, shall receive from the Missouri department 24 of social services reimbursement for costs associated with meeting the 25 requirements of this section.