

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2376, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by  
2 inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

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4 "161.217. 1. The department of elementary and secondary education, in collaboration with  
5 the department's office of childhood, the Missouri Head Start State Collaboration Office, and the  
6 departments of [health and senior services,] mental health[,] and social services, shall [develop, as a  
7 three-year pilot program,] provide a continuous quality improvement process for early learning  
8 programs and present families with consumer education about the quality of early learning programs  
9 by producing a voluntary early learning quality assurance report. The early learning quality  
10 assurance report shall be developed based on evidence-based practices.

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

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

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

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

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

28 (1) ~~[The provisions of the new program authorized under]~~ This section shall ~~[automatically]~~  
29 sunset ~~[three years after August 28, 2019, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and~~

30 (2) ~~If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section shall~~

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1 ~~automatically sunset three years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section] on~~  
2 August 28, 2026; and  
3 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately  
4 following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset."; and  
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6 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
7 accordingly.