

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 621

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KOENIG.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 211.221, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to child placement.

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

Section A. Section 211.221, RSMo, is repealed and one new  
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 211.221,  
3 to read as follows:

211.221. In placing a child in or committing a child  
2 to the custody of an individual or of a private agency or  
3 institution, the court, **children's division, or any child-**  
4 **placing agency contracting with the state to provide foster**  
5 **care services** shall, whenever practicable, select either a  
6 person, or an agency or institution governed by persons of  
7 the same religious faith as that of the parents of such  
8 child, or in case of a difference in the religious faith of  
9 the parents, then of the religious faith of the child or if  
10 the religious faith of the child is not ascertainable, then  
11 of the faith of either of the parents.

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