Sent via email:

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RE: Sunshine Law Request – 08/14/2023

Dear Mr. Nick Reinecker,

I am responding on behalf of the Custodian of Records for the Department of Social Services (DSS) to your information request, which DSS received on August 14, 2023. This response is being submitted within the three-day period required by the Sunshine Law, Section 610.023.3, RSMo.

Your request was:

I have been lobbying for the de-scheduling of cannabis in Kansas for 10 years. I am requesting information regarding policies and/or other data pertaining to how changes are being made in Missouri regarding the child welfare system; including intervention, reporting, parental use of cannabis as a factor, etc. Any other information would be helpful up to and including statutes, school policies for medical applications etc. There is a committee hearing next week with testimony due on the 18th, so anything before then would be even more appreciated.

DSS will conduct research to determine whether we maintain records responsive to your request. Should we maintain responsive records, the earliest date and time the responsive documents may be available is October 23, 2023. This is just an estimate of time. If we receive the documents sooner, then we will provide them to you. Before providing the requested records, DSS must 1) process and review the request, 2) if required, notify staff members of the request in order to obtain potentially responsive documents and/or other items, 3) if required, generate search terms and submit a request to a separate department to obtain potentially responsive emails, 4) convert any potentially responsive documents, emails, and/or items into an accessible and usable format, 5) review all gathered potentially responsive documents, emails, and/or other items to determine if they are responsive to the request, 6) review responsive documents, emails, and/or other items to determine if they are closed or privileged by law and make any necessary redactions, and 7) compile or print responsive
documents, emails, and/or other items to provide to you, the requester. Additionally, the aforementioned process is dependent upon the availability of staff members to locate items, the volume of the specific request, other active requests, and the on-going work of staff members.


I would also suggest reaching out to the Department of Health and Human Services as to any data being collected by the Department responsible for the licensing of facilities.

The Sunshine Law, Section 610.026, RSMo, allows for the collection of fees, including staff time for the search, research, and duplication for providing the records you have requested as well as copying costs. In the event DSS locates responsive documents, emails, and/or other items, an invoice containing the cost estimate for fulfilling your request will be provided to you.

Please note that to the extent we locate responsive documents, emails and/or other items, we reserve the right to close them in whole or in part pursuant to law, including but not limited to Section 610.021, RSMo.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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