

## IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

**AN ORDINANCE** repealing subsection 5560.3., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to recklessly failing to care for or control child, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new subsection relating to the same subject.

**ORDINANCE NO. 5981**, April 28, 2025

**INTRODUCED BY** Venessa Huskey, County Legislator

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri as follows:

Section A. Enacting Clause. Section 5560.3., Jackson County Code, 1984, is hereby repealed and one new subsection enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 5560.3., to read as follows:

### **5560.3        Recklessly Failing to Care for or Control Child.**

a.        Being a parent, guardian, or other person legally charged with the care or custody of a child less than 17 years old, recklessly, as defined in §562.016.4, RSMo, fails or refuses to exercise reasonable diligence in the care or control of such child, including allowing a child under the age of 16, and subject to compulsory school attendance, to repeatedly and without justification be absent from school, and failing to prevent the child from coming under the jurisdiction of the family court pursuant the provisions of §211.031.1(1)(c), § 211.031.1(2)(a), § 211.031.1(2)(d), or § 211.031.1(3), RSMo. Justification may include, but is not limited to, documentation from a healthcare provider providing reasoning for absences.

b. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean the welfare of a child is endangered for the sole reason that they are being provided nonmedical remedial treatment recognized and permitted under the laws of this State.

c. Nothing in this section shall apply to students participating in homeschool or other learning methods that do not require compulsory school attendance.

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon signature by the County Executive.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Bryan Covinsky*

Bryan Covinsky (Apr 24, 2025 09:48 CDT)

County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached Ordinance, Ordinance No. 5981 introduced on April 28, 2025, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

This Ordinance is hereby transmitted to the County Executive for his signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 5981.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Frank White, Jr., County Executive