

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1725

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri urban tutoring core pilot program.

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

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 160.710, to read as follows:

2 **160.710. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri Urban Tutoring Core Pilot**  
3 **Program". This program shall be established jointly by the department of elementary and**  
4 **secondary education and the department of higher education.**

4 **2. Subject to appropriation, the department of elementary and secondary education**  
5 **shall provide grants and technical assistance for voluntary tutors for urban school districts**  
6 **that have a large student population living in poverty. The award of such a grant to any**  
7 **school district shall be based upon a demonstration of need. The department of elementary**  
8 **and secondary education shall establish appropriate qualifications for school districts to**  
9 **meet prior to approval to receive such a grant. Applications for a grant pursuant to this**  
10 **program shall be on a form provided by the department of elementary and secondary**  
11 **education.**

12 **3. The department of elementary and secondary education and the department of**  
13 **higher education shall each provide a statewide coordinator to supervise this program.**  
14 **The two departments shall coordinate efforts to obtain suitable tutors for the program, and**  
15 **ensure that such tutors are placed in appropriate school districts demonstrating the**  
16 **greatest need for the program. Tutors shall be available to provide assistance to students**  
17 **in kindergarten through the twelfth grade. Tutors participating in this program shall be**  
18 **at least eighteen years of age.**

19           **4. Subject to appropriation, any individual who becomes a tutor pursuant to this**  
20 **program shall be eligible to receive reimbursement from the state for three credit hours**  
21 **of higher education for every one hundred hours spent as a tutor. Such reimbursement**  
22 **shall be available only for students attending a public college or university within the state**  
23 **of Missouri. The reimbursement shall apply only for a course taken in mathematics,**  
24 **English, science, language arts, or social sciences. The individual must also receive a**  
25 **passing grade for the course prior to receiving the reimbursement.**

26           **5. The commissioner of education and commissioner of higher education shall have**  
27 **the authority to promulgate any rules necessary for the administration of this section. No**  
28 **rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become**  
29 **effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo.**