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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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HOUSE BILL NO. 236

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to students with disabilities, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 162.1380, to read as follows:

162.1380. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known and referred to as "Kaitlyn's Law".

2. Each school district that operates a high school shall establish a policy and adopt procedures that allow a student eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act who will have completed four years of high school at the end of a school year to participate in the graduation ceremony of the student's high school graduating class and all related activities if the student's individualized education program prescribes special education, transition planning, transition services, or related services beyond the student's four years of high school, and the student's individualized education program team determines the student is making satisfactory progress toward the completion of the individual education program and participation in the graduation ceremony is determined appropriate. The policy and procedures shall require timely and meaningful written notice to children with disabilities and their parents or guardians about the school district's policy and procedures adopted in accordance with this section.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

Section B. Because of the importance of allowing students with a disability the
2 opportunity to participate in a graduation ceremony with their fellow students, section A of this
3 act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and
4 safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and
5 section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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