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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 294.045, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to work certificates.

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

Section A. Section 294.045, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 294.045, to read as follows:

294.045. [The work certificates shall be issued and signed by or under the direction of]

1. Notwithstanding any other law, any of the following individuals may issue a work certificate to a child subject to the requirements of this chapter:

(1) The superintendent of public schools of the district in which the child resides;

(2) **The chief executive officer, or the equivalent position, of a charter school that the child attends;**

(3) **A person holding a student services certificate who is authorized by the superintendent of the school district or chief executive officer in writing;**

(4) **Subject to the requirements and conditions of paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this subdivision inclusive, the principal of a public or private school may issue, or designate another administrator of the school to issue, work certificates to children who attend the school. If the principal of a public or private school chooses not to issue work certificates under this subdivision, work certificates may be issued to children attending school under subdivision (1) or (3) of this subsection;**

(a) **A principal who issues a work certificate under this subdivision shall provide a self-certification that he or she understands the requirements in existing law for issuing a work certificate. The principal shall submit a copy of each work certificate he or she issues along with a copy of the application for each work certificate to the superintendent of the school district in which the school is located;**

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.

20 **(b) The superintendent of a school district may revoke a work certificate issued by**
21 **the principal of a public or private school located within the district if the superintendent**
22 **becomes aware of any grounds upon which the child may be deemed ineligible for a work**
23 **certificate under existing law;**

24 **(c) An individual with authority to issue a work certificate under this subdivision**
25 **shall not issue a work certificate to his or her own child, except that any student, solely**
26 **enrolled in a course of education not otherwise prohibited under chapter 167 whose parent,**
27 **legal guardian, or designated private tutor is the student's primary education provider and**
28 **is also the primary individual responsible for the student's education program and**
29 **schedule, shall be issued a work certificate by such primary education provider.**

30 **2. If the certificated person designated to issue work certificates by the**
31 **superintendent of a school district or the chief executive officer, or the equivalent position,**
32 **of a charter school is not available, and delay in issuing a certificate would jeopardize the**
33 **ability of a child to secure work, another person authorized by the superintendent of the**
34 **school district or the chief executive officer, or the equivalent position, of a charter school**
35 **may issue the work certificate.**

36 **3. If a school district or charter school does not employ or contract with a person**
37 **holding a student services certificate, the superintendent of the school district or the chief**
38 **executive officer, or the equivalent position, of a charter school may authorize, in writing,**
39 **a person who does not hold that credential to issue work certificates during periods of time**
40 **in which the superintendent is absent from the district or the chief executive officer is**
41 **absent from the charter school.**

42 **4. Notwithstanding the hour limitations imposed by this chapter or any other**
43 **provision of law, the hour limitations that apply to a work certificate issued by any of the**
44 **individuals described in subsection 1 of this section shall be based on the school calendar**
45 **of the school the child attends.**

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