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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 160.254 and 160.530, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the joint committee on education.

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

Section A. Sections 160.254 and 160.530, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 160.254 and 160.530, to read as follows:

160.254. 1. There is hereby established a joint committee of the general assembly, which shall be known as the "Joint Committee on Education", which shall be composed of seven members of the senate and seven members of the house of representatives. The senate members of the committee shall be appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and the house members by the speaker of the house.

2. The committee shall meet at least twice a year. In the event of three consecutive absences on the part of any member, such member may be removed from the committee.

3. The committee shall select either a chairman or cochairmen, one of whom shall be a member of the senate and one a member of the house. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the committee may be called at such time and place as the chairman or chairmen designate.

4. The committee shall:

(1) Review and monitor the progress of education in the state's public schools and institutions of higher education;

(2) Receive reports from the commissioner of education concerning the public schools and from the commissioner of higher education concerning institutions of higher education;

(3) Conduct a study and analysis of the public school system;

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.

- 18 (4) Make recommendations to the general assembly for legislative action;
- 19 (5) Conduct an in-depth study concerning all issues relating to the equity and adequacy
20 of the distribution of state school aid, teachers' salaries, funding for school buildings, and overall
21 funding levels for schools and any other education funding-related issues the committee deems
22 relevant;
- 23 (6) Monitor the establishment of performance measures as required by section 173.1006
24 and report on their establishment to the governor and the general assembly;
- 25 (7) Conduct studies and analysis regarding:
- 26 (a) The higher education system, including financing public higher education and the
27 provision of financial aid for higher education; and
- 28 (b) The feasibility of including students enrolled in proprietary schools, as that term is
29 defined in section 173.600, in all state-based financial aid programs;
- 30 (8) Annually review the collection of information under section 173.093 to facilitate a
31 more accurate comparison of the actual costs at public and private higher education institutions;
- 32 (9) Within three years of August 28, 2007, review a new model for the funding of public
33 higher education institutions upon submission of such model by the coordinating board for
34 higher education;
- 35 (10) Within three years of August 28, 2007, review the impact of the higher education
36 student funding act established in sections 173.1000 to 173.1006;
- 37 (11) Beginning August 28, [2008, upon review, approve or deny] **2011, review** any
38 expenditures made by the commissioner of education pursuant to section 160.530, as provided
39 in subsection 5 of section 160.530.
- 40 5. During the legislative interim between the first regular session of the ninety-fifth
41 general assembly through January 29, 2010, of the second regular session of the ninety- fifth
42 general assembly, the joint committee on education shall study the issue of open enrollment for
43 public school students across school district boundary lines in this state. In studying this issue,
44 the joint committee may solicit input and information necessary to fulfill its obligation, including
45 but not limited to soliciting input and information from any state department, state agency,
46 school district, political subdivisions of this state, teachers, and the general public. The joint
47 committee shall prepare a final report, together with its recommendations for any legislative
48 action deemed necessary for submission to the general assembly by December 31, 2009.
- 49 6. The committee may make reasonable requests for staff assistance from the research
50 and appropriations staffs of the house and senate and the committee on legislative research, as
51 well as the department of elementary and secondary education, the department of higher
52 education, the coordinating board for higher education, the state tax commission, the department
53 of economic development, all school districts and other political subdivisions of this state,

54 teachers and teacher groups, business and other commercial interests and any other interested
55 persons.

56 7. Members of the committee shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for
57 reasonable and necessary expenses associated with the performance of their official duties.

160.530. 1. Beginning with fiscal year 1994 and for all fiscal years thereafter, in order
2 to be eligible for state aid distributed pursuant to section 163.031, RSMo, a school district shall
3 allocate one percent of moneys received pursuant to section 163.031, RSMo, exclusive of
4 categorical add-ons, to the professional development committee of the district as established in
5 subdivision (1) of subsection 4 of section 168.400, RSMo. Of the moneys allocated to the
6 professional development committee in any fiscal year as specified by this subsection,
7 seventy-five percent of such funds shall be spent in the same fiscal year for purposes determined
8 by the professional development committee after consultation with the administrators of the
9 school district and approved by the local board of education as meeting the objectives of a school
10 improvement plan of the district that has been developed by the local board. Moneys expended
11 for staff training pursuant to any provisions of this act shall not be considered in determining the
12 requirements for school districts imposed by this subsection.

13 2. Beginning with fiscal year 1994 and for all fiscal years thereafter, eighteen million
14 dollars shall be distributed by the commissioner of education to address statewide areas of
15 critical need for learning and development, provided that such disbursements are [approved]
16 **reviewed** by the joint committee on education as provided in subsection 5 of this section, and
17 as determined by rule and regulation of the state board of education with the advice of the
18 commission established by section 160.510 and the advisory council provided by subsection 1
19 of section 168.015, RSMo. The moneys described in this subsection may be distributed by the
20 commissioner of education to colleges, universities, private associations, professional education
21 associations, statewide associations organized for the benefit of members of boards of education,
22 public elementary and secondary schools, and other associations and organizations that provide
23 professional development opportunities for teachers, administrators, family literacy personnel
24 and boards of education for the purpose of addressing statewide areas of critical need, provided
25 that subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of this subsection shall constitute priority uses for such moneys.
26 "Statewide areas of critical need for learning and development" shall include:

27 (1) Funding the operation of state management teams in districts with academically
28 deficient schools and providing resources specified by the management team as needed in such
29 districts;

30 (2) Funding for grants to districts, upon application to the department of elementary and
31 secondary education, for resources identified as necessary by the district, for those districts which
32 are failing to achieve assessment standards;

- 33 (3) Funding for family literacy programs;
- 34 (4) Ensuring that all children, especially children at risk, children with special needs, and
35 gifted students are successful in school;
- 36 (5) Increasing parental involvement in the education of their children;
- 37 (6) Providing information which will assist public school administrators and teachers
38 in understanding the process of site-based decision making;
- 39 (7) Implementing recommended curriculum frameworks as outlined in section 160.514;
- 40 (8) Training in new assessment techniques for students;
- 41 (9) Cooperating with law enforcement authorities to expand successful antidrug
42 programs for students;
- 43 (10) Strengthening existing curricula of local school districts to stress drug and alcohol
44 prevention;
- 45 (11) Implementing and promoting programs to combat gang activity in urban areas of
46 the state;
- 47 (12) Establishing family schools, whereby such schools adopt proven models of one-stop
48 state services for children and families;
- 49 (13) Expanding adult literacy services; and
- 50 (14) Training of members of boards of education in the areas deemed important for the
51 training of effective board members as determined by the state board of education.
- 52 3. Beginning with fiscal year 1994 and for all fiscal years thereafter, two million dollars
53 of the moneys appropriated to the department of elementary and secondary education otherwise
54 distributed to the public schools of the state pursuant to the provisions of section 163.031,
55 RSMo, exclusive of categorical add-ons, shall be distributed in grant awards by the state board
56 of education, by rule and regulation, for the "Success Leads to Success" grant program, which
57 is hereby created. The purpose of the success leads to success grant program shall be to
58 recognize, disseminate and exchange information about the best professional teaching practices
59 and programs in the state that address student needs, and to encourage the staffs of schools with
60 these practices and programs to develop school-to-school networks to share these practices and
61 programs.
- 62 4. The department shall include a listing of all expenditures under this section in the
63 annual budget documentation presented to the governor and general assembly.
- 64 5. Prior to distributing any funds under subsection 2 of this section, the commissioner
65 of education shall appear before the joint committee on education and present a [proposed
66 delineation] **list** of the programs to be funded under the provisions of subsection 2 of this section,
67 **along with a proposed budget for each program.** The joint committee shall review [all
68 proposed spending under subsection 2 of this section and shall affirm, by a majority vote of all

69 members serving on the committee, the spending proposal of the commissioner prior to any
70 disbursement of funds under subsection 2 of this section] **the list of programs and the**
71 **proposed budget for each program.**

72 6. If any provision of subdivision (11) of subsection 4 of section 160.254 or any
73 provision of subsection 2 or 5 of this section regarding approval of disbursements by the joint
74 committee on education is held to be invalid for any reason, then such decision shall invalidate
75 subsection 2 of this section in its entirety.

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