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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SPENCER (Sponsor), KELLEY (127), PARKINSON,
GATSCHENBERGER, REIBOLDT, SHULL, BERRY, JUSTUS AND BAHR (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to requirements for a high school academic diploma.

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

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 170.375, to read as follows:

3 **170.375. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known and referred to as the**
4 **"Student Accountability Act".**

5 **2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, beginning with school year 2017-18,**
6 **in order to receive a high school academic diploma issued by the department of elementary**
7 **and secondary education, a public school student shall have achieved at the proficient level**
8 **or higher on at least one state assessment taken after the student's eighth grade year in**
9 **each core area of mathematics, communication arts, social sciences, and science. A student**
10 **who does not achieve a level of proficient or higher by the end of his or her twelfth grade**
11 **year in each core area shall receive a diploma of local achievement from the student's high**
12 **school.**

13 **3. No public high school shall issue a high school academic diploma to a student**
14 **who does not achieve the required performance on the state assessments as required in this**
15 **section. A public high school may issue a certificate that reflects other academic**
16 **achievements as approved by the local school board.**

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.

15 **4. A student who is receiving special education services whose individualized**
16 **education plan stipulates that a state assessment does not accurately reflect the student's**
17 **abilities may be awarded a diploma of local achievement.**

18 **5. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is**
19 **created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**
20 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**
21 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers**
22 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**
23 **date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the**
24 **grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2013,**
25 **shall be invalid and void.**

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