

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1949
97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 161.097, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to higher education professional training institutions.

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

Section A. Section 161.097, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.097, to read as follows:

161.097. 1. The state board of education shall establish standards and procedures by which it will evaluate all teacher training institutions in this state for the approval of teacher education programs. The state board of education shall not require teacher training institutions to meet national or regional accreditation as a part of its standards and procedures in making those evaluations, but it may accept such accreditations in lieu of such approval if standards and procedures set thereby are at least as stringent as those set by the board. The state board of education's standards and procedures for evaluating teacher training institutions shall equal or exceed those of national or regional accrediting associations.

2. **There is hereby established within the department of elementary and secondary education the "Missouri Advisory Board for Educator Preparation", hereinafter referred to as "MABEP". The MABEP shall advise the state board of education and the coordinating board for higher education regarding matters of mutual interest in the area of quality educator preparation programs in Missouri.**

3. Upon approval by the state board of education of the teacher education program at a particular teacher training institution, any person who graduates from that program, and who meets other requirements which the state board of education shall prescribe by rule, regulation and statute shall be granted a certificate or license to teach in the public schools of this state.

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 However, no such rule or regulation shall require that the program from which the person
19 graduates be accredited by any national or regional accreditation association.

20 [3. Notwithstanding any provision in the law to the contrary, the state board of education
21 may accredit a graduate law school and any graduate of such an accredited law school shall be
22 allowed to take the examination for admission to the bar of Missouri.]

23 **4. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is**
24 **created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**
25 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**
26 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers**
27 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**
28 **date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the**
29 **grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2014,**
30 **shall be invalid and void.**

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