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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 167.131, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to school accreditation.

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

Section A. Section 167.131, RSMo, is repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 162.075, 167.131, and 1, to read as follows:

162.075. 1. When a school district or attendance center is classified as unaccredited by the state board of education pursuant to the authority of the state board of education to classify schools as established in section 161.092, the following interventions shall be made:

(1) The student to teacher ratio in the subject areas of mathematics, science, and language arts shall be reduced so as to not exceed a ratio of twenty-two students to one teacher;

(2) The student to counselor ratio shall be reduced so as to not exceed a ratio of two hundred students to one counselor.

2. Any costs associated with providing additional teaching staff to comply with the requirements of subsection 1 of this section shall be paid by the state.

167.131. 1. The board of education of each district in this state that does not maintain an accredited school pursuant to the authority of the state board of education to classify schools as established in section 161.092 shall pay the tuition of and provide transportation consistent with the provisions of section 167.241 for each pupil resident therein who attends an accredited school in another district of the same or an adjoining county.

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.

6 2. The rate of tuition to be charged by the district attended and paid by the sending
7 district is the per pupil cost of maintaining the district's grade level grouping which includes the
8 school attended. The cost of maintaining a grade level grouping shall be determined by the board
9 of education of the district but in no case shall it exceed all amounts spent for teachers' wages,
10 incidental purposes, debt service, maintenance and replacements. The term "debt service", as
11 used in this section, means expenditures for the retirement of bonded indebtedness and
12 expenditures for interest on bonded indebtedness. Per pupil cost of the grade level grouping
13 shall be determined by dividing the cost of maintaining the grade level grouping by the average
14 daily pupil attendance. If there is disagreement as to the amount of tuition to be paid, the facts
15 shall be submitted to the state board of education, and its decision in the matter shall be final.
16 Subject to the limitations of this section, each pupil shall be free to attend the public school of
17 his or her choice.

18 **3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2 of this section and any other**
19 **provision of law, the aggregate amount of tuition, including transportation costs, charged**
20 **by a receiving district during a school year for a student transferring from an unaccredited**
21 **district shall not exceed eight thousand dollars per pupil.**

22 **4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 2 and 3 of this section and any**
23 **other provision of law, the aggregate amount of tuition, including transportation costs,**
24 **charged by a receiving district during a school year for a student transferring from a**
25 **lapsed district with a student population less than four thousand five hundred and located**
26 **in a county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty**
27 **thousand inhabitants shall not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars per pupil.**

Section 1. 1. As authorized under its duty to classify the schools of the state under
2 **section 161.092, the state board of education shall adopt a system of classification that**
3 **accredits attendance centers within a district separately from the district as a whole.**

4 **2. For purposes of this section, "attendance center" means a public school building**
5 **or buildings or part of a school building that constitutes one unit for accountability**
6 **purposes under the Missouri school improvement program.**

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