

HOUSE BILL NO. 2652

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 161.223 and 161.227, RSMo, relating to instruction in the English language.

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

Section A. Sections 161.223 and 161.227, RSMo, are repealed, to read as follows:

2 [161.223. 1. Subject to appropriation from general revenue, the
3 department of elementary and secondary education shall provide grants to assist
4 local public school districts, community-based organizations and nonprofit
5 agencies, including resettlement programs, to provide instruction in the English
6 language to individuals residing in the community or district who have language
7 background other than English and who need assistance in learning English.
8 Preference in grants shall be given to communities and districts demonstrating
9 the most need.

10 2. Services provided through the grants authorized in this section shall
11 be offered at times and locations designed to best assure access to the services
12 and may include the provision of services at the individual's home, refugee
13 resettlement center, community centers, adult basic education offices, schools,
14 and other places where such individuals congregate.

15 3. An entity accepting a grant under this section shall not discriminate in
16 the provision of English language services on the grounds of the individual's race,
17 color, religion, gender, age or national origin. Such entity shall not discriminate
18 against a child based upon the nature of the child's school. Any entity accepting
19 a grant under this section may provide English language instruction to individuals
20 of one specific language background.

21 4. As funds are appropriated by the Missouri general assembly, the
department of elementary and secondary education shall implement classes and

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.

22 provide instructional material for all age groups to assist individuals who are not
23 proficient in the English language.]

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25 [161.227. 1. The adult basic education programs administered by the
26 department of elementary and secondary education shall include the provision of
27 English language services to nonnative speakers who need assistance in learning
28 English.

29 2. The local entity designated by the department of elementary and
30 secondary education to offer adult basic education shall seek the assistance of
31 local political subdivisions, community-based agencies and organizations,
32 migrant worker groups, refugee resettlement programs, schools, churches and
33 others in making nonnative speakers aware of the availability of English language
34 services.

35 3. English language services provided through the adult basic education
36 programs of the department of elementary and secondary education may include
37 family and home-based curriculum and programs designed to enhance the
38 English fluency of all family members and may include programs whereby family
39 members teach each other the English language.]

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