

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1624

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a council for community education.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.960, to read as follows:

**161.960. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

**(1) "Community education program", a program in which a public building, including a public elementary or secondary school, is used as a community center operated by a school board in cooperation with other groups in the community, community organizations, and local governmental agencies to provide educational, recreational, cultural, health care, and other related community services in accordance with the needs, interests, and concerns of the community;**

**(2) "Community school", a school that makes its facilities available for citizen use, coordinates activities of local citizens in identifying program needs and establishing priorities, identifies and utilizes available program resources, and assists in the initiation of programs to improve the cultural, social, recreational, and educational opportunities available in a community.**

**2. There is hereby established in the department of elementary and secondary education a "Council for Community Education".**

**3. The council shall have eleven members, who shall be appointed by the governor. Membership may include, but shall not be limited to, representatives of the following groups:**

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           **(1) Civic organizations;**  
19           **(2) Community-based organizations;**  
20           **(3) Community education organizations;**  
21           **(4) Local government;**  
22           **(5) Local school district administrators;**  
23           **(6) Parent organizations;**  
24           **(7) Postsecondary education;**  
25           **(8) School boards; and**  
26           **(9) Teachers.**

27           **4. The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee shall convene the**  
28 **first meeting of the council for the purpose of establishing the bylaws of the council and**  
29 **electing officers to include a chair, vice chair, and secretary. The council shall not meet**  
30 **more than four times annually. Members may be reimbursed for expenses but shall not**  
31 **receive a per diem allowance.**

32           **5. The council shall:**

- 33           **(1) Conduct feasibility studies on the establishment of community education**  
34 **programs within the state;**  
35           **(2) Advise the commissioner of education and the department of elementary and**  
36 **secondary education on issues relating to the establishment of community education**  
37 **programs;**  
38           **(3) Make recommendations for a state plan for community education that sets forth**  
39 **the goals and objectives of a community schools program and establishes a system of**  
40 **priorities for targeting available resources on the areas with the greatest need within a**  
41 **school district; and**  
42           **(4) Make recommendations for the funding of local community education**  
43 **programs.**

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