

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2618

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHIELDS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to college entrance exams in school districts.

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

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 160.561, to read as follows:

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

(1) "Department", the department of elementary and secondary education;

(2) "Fee waiver", a test fee waiver offered by ACT to any pupil eligible for a waiver under the ACT test fee waiver program;

(3) "Qualified pupil", any pupil who:

(a) Is enrolled in a public school in this state; and

(b) Is in grade eleven or twelve;

(4) "Test fee", any registration and late fees required to take the ACT.

2. Any qualified pupil who registers for the ACT on any regularly scheduled date may, after using the maximum number of fee waivers allowed, request the school district to pay the test fee. If the school district has not previously paid any test fee for the pupil and the pupil has used the maximum number of fee waivers allowed, the school district shall pay the test fee.

3. The department shall reimburse each school district for the costs of paying test fees for qualified pupils under this section. The department shall create a procedure for school districts to use when requesting reimbursements under this section.

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.

17 **4. All payments of test fees made by the school district under subsection 2 of this**
18 **section and reimbursements from the department to any school district under subsection**
19 **3 of this section shall be subject to an appropriation to the department for such costs.**

20 **5. This section shall not be construed to require any pupil to take the ACT.**

21 **6. The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the**
22 **administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in**
23 **section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become**
24 **effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,**
25 **if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any**
26 **of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay**
27 **the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**
28 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted**
29 **after August 28, 2020, shall be invalid and void.**

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