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AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to school-based conflict resolution programs.

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 161.651, to read as follows:

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

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

(2) "School-based conflict resolution program", a program operated by a school district or charter school that facilitates constructive resolution of interpersonal conflict between students through:

(a) Training students on conflict resolution education topics and rehearsing conflict resolution strategies; and

(b) Providing mediation opportunities for students in which a neutral third-party facilitator helps students to reach a resolution.

2. Subject to appropriation, the department shall establish a school-based conflict resolution grant program to provide incentives to school districts and charter schools to establish and operate school-based conflict resolution programs. The department shall award grants, in amounts determined by the department, to eligible school districts and charter schools.

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.

15 **3. Any school district or charter school that is operating or plans to operate a**
16 **school-based conflict resolution program may apply for a grant. The department shall**
17 **establish and post on its website eligibility criteria, criteria for determining the amount and**
18 **duration of grants, the contents of the grant application, and the procedures and timelines**
19 **by which districts and charter schools may apply for grants. The department may give**
20 **preference to school districts or charter schools demonstrating the greatest need for a**
21 **conflict resolution program for their students.**

22 **4. (1) The department shall establish a conflict resolution program hotline**
23 **telephone number students can call to access services provided by school-based conflict**
24 **resolution programs.**

25 **(2) Each school district or charter school operating a conflict resolution program**
26 **shall display the hotline telephone number on the school's website. If a school district or**
27 **charter school does not have a website, the school district or charter school shall include**
28 **program information and the hotline telephone number in an annual mailing to parents**
29 **or guardians of students and to students.**

30 **(3) Each school district or charter school receiving a grant under this section and**
31 **issuing pupil identification cards shall have printed on either side of the cards the hotline**
32 **telephone number described in this section. If a school district or charter school subject**
33 **to the requirements of this subsection has a supply of unissued pupil identification cards**
34 **that do not comply with the requirements of this subdivision, the school shall issue those**
35 **cards until that supply is depleted. This subdivision shall apply to a pupil identification**
36 **card issued for the first time to a pupil and to a card issued to replace a damaged or lost**
37 **card.**

38 **5. As a condition of awarding a grant, the department shall require that the school**
39 **district or charter school use the grant moneys to establish or operate a school-based**
40 **conflict resolution program and publicize the hotline number and the services the program**
41 **offers.**

42 **6. The department may establish reporting requirements for school districts and**
43 **charter schools that receive grants.**

44 **7. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "School-Based Conflict**
45 **Resolution Grant Program Fund", which shall consist of moneys appropriated to it by the**
46 **general assembly and any gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests received from federal,**
47 **private, or other sources. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance**
48 **with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund**
49 **shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely**
50 **as provided in this section.**

51 **(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys**
52 **remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the**
53 **general revenue fund.**

54 **(3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other**
55 **funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited**
56 **to the fund.**

57 **8. The director of the department may promulgate all necessary rules and**
58 **regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that**
59 **term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this**
60 **section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions**
61 **of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are**
62 **nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to**
63 **chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are**
64 **subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule**
65 **proposed or adopted after the effective date of this section shall be invalid and void.**

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