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AN ACT

To repeal section 161.1050, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to trauma-informed school incident records.

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

Section A. Section 161.1050, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.1050, to read as follows:

161.1050. 1. There is hereby established within the department of elementary and secondary education the "Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative".

2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall consult the department of mental health and the department of social services for assistance in fulfilling the requirements of this section.

3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall:

(1) Provide information regarding the trauma-informed approach to all school districts;

(2) Offer training on the trauma-informed approach to all school districts, which shall include information on how schools can become trauma-informed schools; and

(3) Develop a website about the trauma-informed schools initiative that includes information for schools and parents regarding the trauma-informed approach and a guide for schools on how to become trauma-informed schools.

4. Each school district shall provide the address of the website described under subdivision (3) of subsection 3 of this section to all parents of the students in its district before October first of each school year.

5. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

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 (1) "Trauma-informed approach", an approach that involves understanding and
18 responding to the symptoms of chronic interpersonal trauma and traumatic stress across the
19 lifespan;

20 (2) "Trauma-informed school", a school that:

21 (a) Realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for
22 recovery;

23 (b) Recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in students, teachers, and staff;

24 (c) Responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into its policies, procedures,
25 and practices; and

26 (d) Seeks to actively resist retraumatization.

27 **6. Each school that chooses to participate in the trauma-informed schools initiative**
28 **shall keep a record of each incident in which a child is removed from or present in a**
29 **classroom during or following another child's outburst and shall inform the parents or**
30 **guardians of any child removed from a classroom as described in this subsection within**
31 **forty-eight hours of the incident by telephone, letter, or email.**

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