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HOUSE BILL NO. 514

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BASYE.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to school district in-person instruction.

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 160.043, to read as follows:

160.043. 1. If any school in a school district does not offer an in-person instruction option as the sole method of instruction for an enrolled student, the school district shall give an education voucher to pay for the expenses of providing in-person instruction in an alternative setting to the parent or guardian who withdraws the student from attendance and requests a voucher. The amount of the voucher shall be a prorated portion of the current school year's per-pupil state adequacy target, as such term is defined in section 163.011, based on the percentage of hours of attendance in the school term in which the school district does not offer an in-person instruction option.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2021, shall be invalid and void.

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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.