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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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HOUSE BILL NO. 236
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Education, April 15, 2009, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to students with disabilities, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 162.1380, to read as follows:

**162.1380. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known and
2 referred to as "Kaitlyn's Law".**

3 **2. Each school district that operates a high school shall establish
4 a policy and adopt procedures that allow a student eligible under the
5 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act who will have completed
6 four years of high school at the end of a school year to participate in
7 the graduation ceremony of the student's high school graduating class
8 and all related activities if the student's individualized education
9 program prescribes special education, transition planning, transition
10 services, or related services beyond the student's four years of high
11 school, and the student's individualized education program team
12 determines the student is making satisfactory progress toward the
13 completion of the individual education program and participation in
14 the graduation ceremony is determined appropriate. The policy and
15 procedures shall require timely and meaningful written notice to
16 children with disabilities and their parents or guardians about the
17 school district's policy and procedures adopted in accordance with this
18 section.**

Section B. Because of the importance of allowing students with a

2 disability the opportunity to participate in a graduation ceremony with their
3 fellow students, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby
5 declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and
6 section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and
7 approval.

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