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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 171, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to school attendance center report cards.

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

Section A. Chapter 171, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 171.415, to read as follows:

171.415. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known as the "Parent and Community School Information Act" and shall apply to each public school attendance center in a school district and to each charter school in the state except for any attendance center or charter school that includes only grades lower than third grade.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall produce a simplified annual school attendance center report card, separately from the information required by section 160.522. Grades shall be based on an individual school attendance center's performance on the Missouri school improvement program standards.

3. School attendance center scores are expressed as a percentage of points received to points possible. The report card shall indicate which standards are applicable to any attendance center and, in addition to an overall letter grade, shall indicate the percentage of available points scored by the attendance center for each applicable standard. A letter grade shall be assigned as follows:

(1) From one hundred to ninety-seven percent shall be an A plus; ninety-six to ninety-three percent shall be an A; ninety-two to ninety percent shall be an A minus;

(2) From eighty-nine to eighty-seven percent shall be a B plus; eighty-six to eighty-three percent shall be a B; eighty-two to eighty

22 percent shall be a B minus;

23 (3) From seventy-nine to seventy-seven percent shall be a C plus;
24 seventy-six to seventy-three percent shall be a C; seventy-two to
25 seventy percent shall be a C minus;

26 (4) From sixty-nine to sixty-seven percent shall be a D plus;
27 sixty-six to sixty-three percent shall be a D; sixty-two to sixty percent
28 shall be a D minus; and

29 (5) Below sixty percent shall be an F.

30 4. The simplified attendance center report card shall not be
31 construed to be part of the school improvement program; the report
32 card shall be for informational rather than evaluative purposes.

33 5. The department of elementary and secondary education shall
34 provide a link between the report card referred to in section 160.522
35 and the simplified attendance center report card. The department shall
36 make an annual report to the joint committee on education of its
37 progress in establishing the report card and in simplifying access to the
38 information in the department's data portal.

39 6. The first simplified annual report card shall be distributed
40 before December 1, 2014. The school shall notify parents and the
41 community about the contents of the report and provide directions for
42 accessing the information. The department shall include a direct link
43 from its home page to the instructions for accessing the simplified
44 attendance center report card.

45 7. The principal of each attendance center or charter school may
46 include a statement not to exceed two hundred fifty words that
47 provides context or background information that he or she deems
48 necessary to a full understanding of the attendance center's or charter
49 school's letter grade.

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