AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to simplified annual school report cards.

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 161.237, to read as follows:

161.237. 1. The state board of education shall develop a simplified annual school report card, separately from the information required by section 160.522, that produces an annual letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F for each school attendance center, including charter schools.

2. Each letter grade shall have the following value:

   (1) "A", 90-100%;
   (2) "B", 80-89%;
   (3) "C", 70-79%;
   (4) "D", 60-69%;
   (5) "F", 59% or below.

3. Each school shall be given an overall letter grade that reflects the percentage of points the school or charter school earned of all points available on the annual performance report using the values identified in subsection 2 of this section.

4. The report card shall be made publicly available on the department of elementary and secondary education's internet website. By August 1 annually, each school shall distribute the report card for the prior academic year to the parents or guardians of every enrolled student.

5. Each school that has students who are tested on state
standardized assessments and included in the school grading system shall receive a school letter grade except that:

(1) A school shall not receive a school letter grade if the number of its students tested and included in the school grading system is less than the minimum sample size necessary, based on accepted professional practice, for statistical reliability and prevention of the unlawful release of personally identifiable student data;

(2) An alternative school may choose to receive a school letter grade.

6. The annual report card shall also identify each school's performance as having improved, remained the same, or declined, in terms of the school's letter grade and value as compared to the previous year.

7. The state board of education shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

8. 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, 2015, shall be invalid and void.