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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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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

22 standardized assessments and included in the school grading system
23 shall receive a school letter grade except that:

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

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

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

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

37 8. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
38 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section
39 shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of
40 the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This
41 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
42 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to
43 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
44 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
45 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall
46 be invalid and void.

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