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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Education, April 5, 2001, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapters 172 and 182, RSMo, by adding thereto five new sections relating to public education, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapters 172 and 182, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto five new sections, to be known as sections 172.880, 172.890, 182.825, 182.827 and 1, to read as follows:

172.880. 1. There is hereby established, at the Rolla campus of the University of Missouri, a summer program to be known as the "Missouri Engineering and Science Academy" (MESA) for the purpose of educating high ability high school students who have an interest in science, math or engineering and have demonstrated abilities in science and mathematics.

2. The academy curriculum will be developed by faculty at the Rolla campus of the University of Missouri. The academy will be managed and funded through the Rolla campus of the University of Missouri.

172.890. 1. There is hereby established, at the Rolla campus of the University of Missouri, a science summer program for in-service science teachers to enhance their knowledge and awareness of environmental matters associated with the history of natural resource development and land use changes in Missouri.

2. The goals of this program shall include:

(1) Educating teachers who are community leaders about environmental concerns and potential health and public safety risks;

(2) Increasing the local capacity of educators to develop and deliver a coordinated environmental education program;

(3) Developing and illustrating the concepts that demonstrate how the geologic

environment directly impacts and controls the social and economic development of Missouri;

(4) Providing opportunities for participants to acquire knowledge about the development of Missouri's mineral and agricultural resources; and

(5) Providing opportunities for science teachers to build networks for common growth and support as they pursue effective careers in teaching the children of Missouri.

3. The science summer program established pursuant to this section will be funded, administered and taught by faculty at the Rolla campus of the University of Missouri with assistance from the department of elementary and secondary education.

4. Participating in the science summer program may be included as part of a teacher's participation in the career plan of a school district participating in the career development and teacher excellence plan pursuant to sections 168.500 to 168.515, RSMo, to the extent such participation is consistent with the teacher's career plan approved by the school board.

182.825. As used in sections 182.825 and 182.827, the following terms mean:

(1) "Pornographic for minors", as that term is defined in section 573.010, RSMo;

(2) "Public access computer", a computer that is:

(a) Located in a public school or public library;

(b) Frequently or regularly used directly by a minor; and

(c) Connected to any computer communication system.

182.827. 1. A public school that provides a public access computer shall equip the computer with software that seeks to prevent minors from gaining access to material that is pornographic for minors or purchase Internet connectivity from an Internet service provider that provides filter services to limit access to material that is pornographic for minors. Standards and rules for the enforcement of this subsection shall be prescribed by the governing board of every school district and such rules shall reflect the community standards for pornographic material available to minors.

2. A public library that provides a public access computer shall do one or both of the following:

(1) Equip the computer with software that will limit minors' ability to gain access to material that is pornographic for minors or purchase Internet connectivity from an Internet service provider that provides filter services to limit access to material that is pornographic for minors;

(2) Develop and implement by January 1, 2002, a policy that is consistent with community standards and establishes measures to restrict minors from gaining

computer access to material that is pornographic for minors.

3. The secretary of state shall establish rules and regulations for the enforcement of subsection 2 of this section.

4. Any school board member, officer or employee, including library personnel, who willfully neglects or refuses to perform a duty imposed by this section shall be subject to the penalties imposed pursuant to section 162.091, RSMo.

5. A public school or public school board member, officer or employee, including library personnel; public library or public library board member, officer, employee or trustee that complies with subsection 1 or 2 of this section or an Internet service provider providing Internet connectivity to such public school or library in order to comply with this section shall not be criminally liable or liable for any damages that might arise from a minor gaining access to material that is pornographic for minors through the use of a public access computer that is owned or controlled by the public school or public library.

Section 1. Any program providing child care to preschool or school-age children that is located and operated on elementary or secondary public school property shall comply with the child care licensure provisions in chapter 210, RSMo; except that, for safety, health and fire purposes, any such program shall comply with the safety, health and fire provisions required for school districts in this state in lieu of the safety, health and fire provisions of chapter 210, RSMo.