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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to English proficiency for college instructors.

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

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 170.013, to read as follows:

170.013. 1. In addition to the provisions of section 170.012, it is the intent of the general assembly that all professors or instructors now employed or being considered for employment at the University of Missouri, any state university, any state college or any community college shall be proficient in speaking the English language so that they may adequately instruct students.

2. By the first day of January of each year, the University of Missouri, all state universities, all state colleges and all community colleges shall file with the coordinating board for higher education a certification stating that the instructional faculty members, whose native language is other than English, employed either on August 28, 2001, or hired subsequent to the last annual certification, are proficient in the English language. Each institution listed in this subsection may evaluate its instructional faculty for oral, aural and written fluency in the English language in the classroom in order to make the certification required pursuant to this subsection.

3. The University of Missouri, all state universities, all state colleges and all community colleges shall provide an annual report to the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives by the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January of each year setting forth the following information:

(1) Procedures established to guarantee faculty members have proficiency in

both written and spoken English; and

(2) Procedures established to inform students of grievance procedures regarding instructors who are not able to speak the English language.

4. Any student may file a complaint of violation of this section with the office of president of the appropriate college, community college or university. It shall be the duty of that president to inquire after such complaint and report such complaints, and any action taken pursuant to such complaints, to the coordinating board of higher education on an annual basis.

5. This section shall not apply to include the instruction of courses that are:

(1) Designed to be taught predominantly in a foreign language; or

(2) Elective, special arrangement courses, such as individualized instruction and independent study courses.

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