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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 160.522, RSMo 2000, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to building-level school accountability report cards.

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

Section A. Section 160.522, RSMo 2000, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 160.522, to read as follows:

160.522. 1. [The state board of education shall adopt a policy for the public reporting of information by school districts on an annual basis.] **School districts shall provide, at least annually, a school accountability report card for each school building to any household with a student enrolled in the district. Methods of distribution of the school accountability report card may include, but are not restricted to:**

- (1) Distribution at the time and place of student enrollment;**
- (2) Inclusion with student grade reports;**
- (3) Newspaper publication;**
- (4) Posting by the school district by Internet or other electronic means generally accessible to the public; or**
- (5) Making copies available upon request at all school or administrative buildings in any school district.**

The school district reports shall be distributed to all media outlets serving the district, and shall be made available, **upon request**, to all district patrons and to each member of the general assembly representing a legislative district which contains a portion of the school district.

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop [multiple reporting models] **a standard form for the school accountability report card** which may be used by school districts [for their public reports]. The information reported shall include, but not be limited to, enrollment, rates of pupil attendance, high school dropout rate, the rates and durations of, and reasons for, suspensions of ten days or longer and expulsions of pupils, staffing ratios, including the district ratio of students to all teachers, to administrators, and to classroom teachers, the average years of experience of professional staff and advanced degrees earned, student achievement as determined through the assessment system developed pursuant to section 160.518, student scores on the SAT or ACT, **as appropriate**, along with the percentage of students taking each test, average teachers' and administrators' salaries compared to the state averages, average salaries of noncertificated personnel compared to state averages, average per pupil expenditures for the district as a whole and [for each building in the district which has pupils at the same grade level as another building in the district,] **by attendance center as reported to the department of elementary and secondary education**, voted and adjusted tax rates levied, assessed valuation, percent of the district operating budget received from state, federal, and local sources, [extracurricular activities offered and the costs associated with each activity,] the number of students eligible for free or reduced lunch, school calendar information, including [the number of] days [and hours for] **of student attendance**, parent-teacher conferences, and staff development or in-service training, data on course offerings and rates of participation in parent-teacher conferences, special education programs, early childhood special education programs, parents as teachers programs, vocational education programs, gifted or enrichment programs, and advanced placement programs, data on the number of students continuing their education in postsecondary programs and information about job placement for students who complete district vocational education programs, and the district's most recent accreditation by the state board of education, including measures for school improvement.

3. The public reporting shall permit the disclosure of data on a school-by-school basis, but the reporting shall not be personally identifiable to any student or education professional in the state.

4. The annual report made by the state board of education pursuant to section 161.092, RSMo, shall include a summary of school districts accredited, provisionally accredited, and unaccredited under the Missouri school improvement program, including an analysis of standards met and not met, and an analysis of state program assessment data collected pursuant to section 160.526, describing the kinds of tasks students can perform.