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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 169, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to teacher and school employee retirement systems, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 169, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 169.596, to read as follows:

169.596. 1. Any school district with a shortage of certified teachers, as determined by the school district, may allow retired certificated teachers from any Missouri public teacher retirement system to teach full-time for up to two years without losing his or her retirement benefits. The total number of such retired certificated teachers shall not exceed, at any one time, the greater of ten percent of the total teacher staff for that school district, or five certificated teachers.

2. Any retired certificated teacher hired pursuant to this section shall be included in the State Directory of New Hires for purposes of income and eligibility verification pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1320b-7.

3. Any school district with a shortage of non-certificated employees, as determined by the school district, may allow individuals retired pursuant to sections 169.600 to 169.715 to be employed full-time for up to two years without losing his or her retirement benefits. The total number of such retired non-certificated employees shall not exceed, at any one time, the greater of ten percent of the total non-certificated staff for that school district, or five employees.

4. No person shall be employed pursuant to this section until the affected retirement systems have implemented rules and regulations assuring that the provisions are cost-neutral and the systems remain actuarially sound.

5. All necessary costs shall be paid by the hiring school district and shall not exceed the school district's statutory cost limitations.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to resolve the shortage of school employees in this state, section 169.596 of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section 169.596 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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