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AN ACT

To repeal section 170.011, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a requirement that students tour a state correctional center.

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

Section A. Section 170.011, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 170.011, to read as follows:

170.011. 1. Regular courses of instruction in the Constitution of the
2 United States and of the state of Missouri and in American history and
3 institutions shall be given in all public and private schools in the state of
4 Missouri, except privately operated trade schools, and shall begin not later than
5 the seventh grade and continue in high school to an extent determined by the
6 state commissioner of education, and shall continue in college and university
7 courses to an extent determined by the state commissioner of higher education.
8 In the 1990-91 school year and each year thereafter, local school districts
9 maintaining high schools shall comply with the provisions of this section by
10 offering in grade nine, ten, eleven, or twelve a course of instruction in the
11 institutions, branches and functions of the government of the state of Missouri,
12 including local governments, and of the government of the United States, and in
13 the electoral process. A local school district maintaining such a high school shall
14 require that prior to the completion of the twelfth grade each pupil, who receives
15 a high school diploma or certificate of graduation on or after January 1, 1994,
16 shall satisfactorily complete such a course of study. Such course shall be of at
17 least one semester in length and may be two semesters in length. The
18 department of elementary and secondary education may provide assistance in
19 developing such a course if the district requests assistance.

20 2. American history courses at the elementary and secondary levels shall

21 include in their proper time-line sequence specific referrals to the details and
22 events of the racial equality movement that have caused major changes in United
23 States and Missouri laws and attitudes.

24 3. No pupil shall receive a certificate of graduation from any public or
25 private school other than private trade schools unless he has satisfactorily passed
26 an examination on the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United
27 States and of the state of Missouri, and in American history and American
28 institutions. A student of a college or university, who, after having completed a
29 course of instruction prescribed in this section and successfully passed an
30 examination on the United States Constitution, and in American history and
31 American institutions required hereby, transfers to another college or university,
32 is not required to complete another such course or pass another such examination
33 as a condition precedent to his graduation from the college or university.

34 4. In the 1990-91 school year and each year thereafter, each school district
35 maintaining a high school may annually nominate to the state board of education
36 a student who has demonstrated knowledge of the principles of government and
37 citizenship through academic achievement, participation in extracurricular
38 activities, and service to the community. Annually, the state board of education
39 shall select fifteen students from those nominated by the local school districts and
40 shall recognize and award them for their academic achievement, participation and
41 service.

42 5. The state commissioner of education and the state commissioner of
43 higher education shall make arrangements for carrying out the provisions of this
44 section and prescribe a list of suitable texts adapted to the needs of the school
45 grades and college courses, respectively.

46 6. The willful neglect of any superintendent, principal or teacher to
47 observe and carry out the requirements of this section is sufficient cause for
48 termination of his contract.

49 7. The provisions of this section shall not apply to students from foreign
50 countries who are enrolled in public or private high schools in Missouri, if such
51 students are foreign exchange students sponsored by a national organization
52 recognized by the department of elementary and secondary education.

53 **8. For the 2009-2010 school year and for each school year**
54 **thereafter, the superintendent of each public school district shall**
55 **ensure that all students, prior to promotion from grade nine to grade**
56 **ten, attend a tour of a proximate state correctional center, as such term**

57 is defined in section 217.010, RSMo. The department of elementary and
58 secondary education shall enforce the provisions of this
59 subsection. The willful neglect of any superintendent, principal, or
60 teacher to observe and carry out the requirements of this subsection is
61 sufficient cause for termination of his or her contract.

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