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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the creation of the Missouri public charter school state board.

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

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 160.401, to read as follows:

**160.401. 1. There is hereby created a Missouri public charter
2 school state board. The members of such shall be appointed by the
3 governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The governor shall
4 appoint members from a slate of nominees provided by charter school
5 boards, charter sponsors, the speaker of the house of representatives,
6 the minority leader of the house of representatives, the president pro
7 tem of the senate, and the minority leader of the senate. The charter
8 school boards shall propose at least eight potential appointees of which
9 the governor shall select two for appointment. Current charters
10 sponsors shall propose at least eight potential appointees of which the
11 governor shall select two for appointment. The speaker of the house of
12 representatives, the minority leader of the house of representatives, the
13 president pro temp of the senate, and the minority leader of the senate
14 shall each propose not less than four potential appointees from which
15 the governor shall select one nominee from each office holder's
16 list. The lieutenant governor shall serve ex officio as the chair of the
17 board. One member of the state board of education, selected by the
18 state board, shall serve ex officio as vice chair.**

**19 2. The duties of the Missouri public charter school board shall
20 include, but not be limited to, the following:**

21 (1) Compile a manual of the best practices for charter school
22 operations and sponsorship;

23 (2) Make ongoing analysis of gaps in educational services in
24 authorized areas and issue requests for proposals to charter schools to
25 address such gaps and demand for charter schools in areas where they
26 are authorized;

27 (3) Grant charters;

28 (4) Adopt rules that may allow willing charter schools with
29 missions of serving at-risk youth as well as theme-based charter schools
30 to receive transfer students from other school districts. Funding from
31 the transferring district shall follow the student. Require approval of
32 sending school district;

33 (5) Report on a regular basis to the governor, the state board of
34 education, and to the joint committee on education, created in section
35 160.254, with recommendations about changes to statutes, rules, and
36 policies to improve the administration of the charter law, to facilitate
37 communication about charter schools, and to improve the quality of
38 student achievement, sponsor-charter relationships, and charter-public
39 school relationships;

40 (6) Contract with other chartering entities as appropriate to
41 provide sponsorship oversight functions.

42 (7) For budgeting purposes the Missouri public charter school
43 state board shall be contained within the budget of the department of
44 elementary and secondary education which shall use existing
45 personnel, service, and equipment and equipment in budgetary
46 requests.

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