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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to teaching standards.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 161.380, to read as follows:

161.380. 1. The department of elementary and secondary
2 education shall develop standards for teaching in Missouri public
3 schools no later than June 30, 2009. The standards shall be applicable
4 to all public schools, including public charter schools and public virtual
5 schools.

6 2. Teaching standards shall include, but not be limited to, the
7 following:

8 (1) Students actively participate and are successful in the
9 learning process;

10 (2) Various forms of assessment are used to monitor and manage
11 student learning;

12 (3) The teacher is prepared and knowledgeable of the content
13 and effectively maintains students' on-task behavior;

14 (4) The teacher uses professional communication and interaction
15 with the school community;

16 (5) The teacher keeps current on instructional knowledge and
17 seeks and explores changes in teaching behaviors that will improve
18 student performance; and

19 (6) The teacher acts as a responsible professional in the overall
20 mission of the school.

21 3. The department shall provide guidance for districts to

22 consider in establishing the criteria by which teaching will be
23 evaluated under the teaching standards.

24 4. In developing such teaching standards and evaluation models,
25 the department shall involve representatives from teacher
26 organizations, administration and principal organizations, the Missouri
27 advisory council for the certification of educators as created by section
28 168.015, RSMo, Missouri staff development council, and colleges and
29 universities.

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