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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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 a central repository of information for school districts.

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 161.091, to read as follows:

161.091. 1. By January 1, 2010, the department of elementary and secondary education shall create a central repository of information applicable to all school districts. The repository shall provide public access to a complete, transparent, and comprehensive database of school district financial and policy information as a means of creating better public understanding of school district operations.

- 2. School districts shall annually provide the department of elementary and secondary education, as a central repository, with detailed compensation information for all school employees, including the adopted salary schedules, all extra duty compensation, all employee benefits, the school calendar, the school district budget, and local school board policies.
- 3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall establish clear standards for school district budget formats and details to ensure that all school district budgets contain all necessary information and present the information according to consistent reporting standards. The department shall, to the maximum extent possible, maintain such information online and updated and shall minimize duplication of existing reporting requirements for school districts. The department may contract with one or more entities to create and maintain the information repository.