

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 291

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SHIELDS.

Read 1st time February 2, 2009, and ordered printed.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

1475S.01I

AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to virtual courses offered by school districts.

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

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 162.1250, to read as follows:

162.1250. 1. School districts shall receive state school funding
2 under sections 163.031, 163.043, and 163.087, RSMo, for resident
3 students who are taking a virtual course offered by the school
4 district. The school district may offer instruction in a virtual setting
5 using technology, intranet, and Internet methods of communications
6 that could take place outside of the regular school district facility. The
7 school district may develop a virtual program for any grade level,
8 kindergarten through twelfth grade with the courses available in
9 accordance with district policy to any resident student of the district.

10 2. For purposes of calculation and distribution of state school
11 funding, attendance of a student enrolled in a district virtual class will
12 equal, upon course completion, ninety-four percent of the hours of
13 attendance possible for such class delivered in the non-virtual program.

14 3. When courses are purchased from an outside vendor, the
15 district must ensure that they are aligned with the show-me curriculum
16 standards. The state board of education reserves the right to request
17 information and materials sufficient to evaluate the online
18 course. Online classes should be considered like any other class offered
19 by the school district.

✓