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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CUNNINGHAM.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 167.131, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to school districts that do not maintain an accredited school.

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

Section A. Section 167.131, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 167.131, to read as follows:

167.131. 1. The board of education of each district in this state that does
2 not maintain an accredited school pursuant to the authority of the state board of
3 education to classify schools as established in section 161.092, RSMo, shall pay
4 the tuition of and provide transportation consistent with the provisions of section
5 167.241, RSMo, for each pupil resident therein who attends an accredited school
6 in another district of the same or an adjoining county. **If the sending district
7 becomes delinquent in the remittance of tuition to the receiving
8 district, the department of elementary and secondary education may,
9 upon request of the receiving district, withhold an amount equal to the
10 delinquent tuition from the state aid of the sending district, until the
11 matter is settled.**

12 2. The rate of tuition to be charged by the district attended and paid by
13 the sending district is the per pupil cost of maintaining the district's grade level
14 grouping which includes the school attended. The cost of maintaining a grade
15 level grouping shall be determined by the board of education of the district but
16 in no case shall it exceed all amounts spent for teachers' wages, incidental
17 purposes, debt service, maintenance and replacements. The term "debt service",
18 as used in this section, means expenditures for the retirement of bonded
19 indebtedness and expenditures for interest on bonded indebtedness. Per pupil
20 cost of the grade level grouping shall be determined by dividing the cost of

21 maintaining the grade level grouping by the average daily pupil attendance. If
22 there is disagreement as to the amount of tuition to be paid, the facts shall be
23 submitted to the state board of education, and its decision in the matter shall be
24 final. Subject to the limitations of this section, each pupil shall be free to attend
25 the public school of his or her choice.

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