

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 734**  
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Education, March 25, 2010, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapters 160 and 162, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to elementary and secondary education.

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

Section A. Chapters 160 and 162, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto  
2 three new sections, to be known as sections 160.353, 160.355, and 162.1195, to  
3 read as follows:

**160.353. The governing board of any urban, metropolitan, or  
2 seven director school district may adopt, by a majority vote of all board  
3 members, a policy that allows any student who has participated in  
4 three or more years of interscholastic athletics at the high school level  
5 to receive one unit of physical education credit for the graduation  
6 requirement. Any board that votes to adopt such a policy shall notify  
7 the commissioner of education within thirty days. The state board of  
8 education shall make any necessary alterations to bring the state's  
9 minimum graduation requirements into compliance with this  
10 section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impact any other  
11 minimum graduation requirements approved by the state board of  
12 education.**

**160.355. The governing board of any urban, metropolitan, or  
2 seven director school district may adopt a policy that allows any  
3 student who has earned fine arts credit for participation in high school  
4 marching band for three or more years to be granted one unit of the  
5 physical education graduation requirement. Such a policy may only be  
6 adopted after a public hearing is held on the question and a majority  
7 of the board votes in favor of the question. Any board that votes to**

8 adopt the waiver policy described in this section shall contact  
9 appropriate officials at the department of elementary and secondary  
10 education within thirty days of the affirmative vote. The state board  
11 of education shall make any necessary alterations to bring the state's  
12 minimum graduation requirements into compliance with this  
13 section. This section shall not be construed to impact any of the other  
14 minimum graduation requirements approved by the state board of  
15 education.

162.1195. 1. Beginning in fiscal year 2013, the division of school  
2 improvement within the department of elementary and secondary  
3 education shall ensure that each regional professional development  
4 center in the state provides professional development educational  
5 assistance for fine arts.

6 2. The emphasis shall include the following:

7 (1) To act as a resource for school districts under the regional  
8 office of professional development with regard to fine arts education,  
9 as delivered by certified arts specialists, and the integration of the arts  
10 into nonarts curricula;

11 (2) To work with school districts in staff development and  
12 curriculum issues related to fine arts education and fine arts  
13 integration;

14 (3) To collaborate with regional office of professional  
15 development personnel and other regional personnel associated with  
16 the regional office of professional development;

17 (4) To coordinate services available from other entities involved  
18 in fine arts education and fine arts integration;

19 (5) To assist and support local school districts in providing fine  
20 arts education and the integration of the fine arts; and

21 (6) To contribute to the development and implementation of in-  
22 service training, regionally and statewide, which responds to the needs  
23 of arts specialists, and other educators pertaining to the needs of  
24 Missouri students in fine arts and the integration of the arts.

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