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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

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

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 four new sections, to be known as sections 160.353, 160.355, 162.1195, and 162.1196, to read as follows:

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

160.355. The governing board of any urban, metropolitan, or seven director school district may adopt a policy that allows any student who has earned fine arts credit for participation in high school 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 policy described in this section shall contact appropriate
9 officials at the department of elementary and secondary education
10 within thirty days of the affirmative vote. The state board of education
11 shall make any necessary alterations to bring the state's minimum
12 graduation requirements into compliance with this section. This
13 section shall not be construed to impact any of the other minimum
14 graduation requirements approved by the state board of education.

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

6 2. The emphasis may 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.

162.1196. 1. Each regional professional development center in
2 the state shall identify ways in which school districts can achieve
3 efficiencies, become more cost effective, reduce costs, and reduce and

4 minimize duplicative operations, services, and purchasing, including
5 but not limited to the following:

6 (1) Allowing two or more adjacent school districts classified as
7 accredited by the state board of education to share a superintendent or
8 chief executive officer;

9 (2) Allowing two or more school districts to engage in group
10 purchases of supplies;

11 (3) Allowing two or more school districts to engage in group
12 purchases of life insurance, property insurance, and health insurance;

13 (4) Allowing two or more school districts to engage in group
14 administration of services for payroll, secretarial, human resources,
15 maintenance, sanitation, janitorial, and administrative assistance; and

16 (5) Allowing two or more school districts to engage in group
17 participation in a deferred compensation plan.

18 2. Regional professional development centers shall provide
19 assistance to school districts that choose to implement any of the
20 measures identified in subsection 1 of this section or any other measure
21 proposed by a regional professional development center or a school
22 district that would achieve cost savings or efficiencies for a school
23 district.

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