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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCHAEFER.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the education of gifted and talented children.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 161.248 and 161.249, to read as follows:

161.248. 1. The state board of education shall designate a staff person who is in charge of educational programs for gifted and talented children. This staff person shall, at a minimum:

(1) Be responsible for developing an approval process for educational programs for gifted and talented children by no later than September 1, 2014;

(2) Receive and maintain the written descriptions of all programs for gifted and talented children in the state;

(3) Collect and maintain the annual growth in learning data submitted by a school, school district, or cooperative of school districts;

(4) Identify potential funding sources for the education of gifted and talented children; and

(5) Serve as the main contact person at the state board of education for program supervisors and other school officials, parents, and other stakeholders regarding the education of gifted and talented children.

2. The state board of education may perform a variety of additional administrative functions with respect to the education of gifted and talented children, including, but not limited to: supervision; quality assurance; compliance monitoring; oversight of local programs; analysis of performance outcome data submitted by local educational

22 agencies; the establishment of personnel standards; and a program of
23 personnel development for teachers and administrative personnel in
24 the education of gifted and talented children.

161.249. 1. There is hereby created the "Advisory Council on the
2 Education of Gifted and Talented Children" which shall consist of seven
3 members appointed by the commissioner of education. Members shall
4 serve a term of four years, except for the initial appointments, which
5 shall be for the following lengths:

- 6 (1) One member shall be appointed for a term of one year;
- 7 (2) Two members shall be appointed for a term of two years;
- 8 (3) Two members shall be appointed for a term of three years;
- 9 (4) Two members shall be appointed for a term of four years.

10 2. Upon the expiration of the term of a member, that member
11 shall continue to serve until a replacement is appointed. The council
12 shall organize with a chairperson selected by the commissioner of
13 education. Members of the council shall serve without compensation
14 and shall not be reimbursed for travel to and from meetings.

15 3. The commissioner of education shall consider
16 recommendations for membership on the council from organizations of
17 educators and parents of gifted and talented children and other groups
18 with an interest in the education of gifted and talented children. The
19 members appointed shall be residents of the state of Missouri and
20 selected on the basis of their knowledge of, or experience in, programs
21 and problems of the education of gifted and talented children.

22 4. The commissioner of education shall seek the advice of the
23 council regarding all rules and policies to be adopted by the state
24 board of education relating to the education of gifted and talented
25 children. A staff person appointed by the state board of education shall
26 serve as the state board's liaison to the council. The state board of
27 education shall provide necessary clerical support and assistance in
28 order to facilitate meetings of the council.

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