

# SENATE AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Amend SCS/Senate Bills Nos. 493 et al., Page 8, Section 162.1310, Line 19,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

3 "(1) "Private nonsectarian school", a school that is not a  
 4 part of the public school system of the state of Missouri, that  
 5 charges tuition for the rendering of elementary and secondary  
 6 educational services, and that does not have a religious  
 7 affiliation;"; and further amend said subsection by renumbering  
 8 the remaining subdivisions accordingly; and

9 Further amend said bill, page 23, section 167.828, line 11,  
 10 by inserting after all of said line the following:

11 "3. To be eligible to transfer to a nonsectarian private  
 12 school, a student shall meet the following requirements:

13 (1) Have been unable to transfer to an accredited school  
 14 within his or her district of residence under section 167.825;

15 (2) Provide proof that he or she has resided in an  
 16 unaccredited district or unaccredited districts and within the  
 17 attendance boundaries of an unaccredited school or unaccredited  
 18 schools for a minimum of twelve months; and

19 (3) Except for a student entering kindergarten or first  
 20 grade for the first time, have been enrolled in one or more  
 21 unaccredited schools in an unaccredited district or unaccredited

1 districts for a minimum of one school term.

2 4. A nonsectarian private school shall qualify to receive  
3 tuition payments under this section only if it satisfies the  
4 following conditions:

5 (1) Is accredited by the North Central Association  
6 Commission On Accreditation and School Improvement or  
7 demonstrates similar academic quality credentials to the  
8 department of elementary and secondary education;

9 (2) Administers or allows for the administration of the  
10 statewide assessments in English language arts and mathematics or  
11 equivalent assessments for transfer students;

12 (3) Complies with all health and safety laws or codes that  
13 apply to nonpublic schools;

14 (4) Holds a valid occupancy permit if required by their  
15 municipality;

16 (5) Certifies that they will not discriminate in admissions  
17 on the basis of race, color, or national origin;

18 (6) Files with the department of elementary and secondary  
19 education a statement of intent to accept transfer students that  
20 includes the information listed in this subsection; and

21 (7) Annually administers a parental satisfaction survey.";

22 and further amend line 12, by striking "3." and inserting in lieu  
23 thereof "5."; and further amend line 15, by striking "4." and  
24 inserting in lieu thereof "6."; and further amend line 17, by  
25 inserting after all of said line the following:

26 "7. For purposes of this section, the term "nonsectarian  
27 school" shall mean a school that is not a part of the public  
28 school system of the state of Missouri, that charges tuition for  
29 the rendering of elementary and secondary educational services,

2 and that does not have a religious affiliation."