

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

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

Amend SS/HCS/House Bill No. 1606, Page 35, Section 167.121, Line 9,

2 of said page, by inserting immediately after the word "his" the  
 3 following: "or her"; and further amend line 10 of said page, by  
 4 inserting immediately after the word "district" the following:  
 5 ", except as provided in section 167.125"; and further amend line  
 6 12 of said page, by inserting at the end of said line the  
 7 following: "Any assignment granted to a pupil under this section  
 8 prior to August 28, 2018, shall remain in effect until the pupil  
 9 completes his or her course of study in the receiving district or  
 10 until the parent or guardian withdraws the pupil from the  
 11 assignment. Any assignment granted to a pupil under this section  
 12 prior to August 28, 2018, shall also be applicable to any sibling  
 13 of the pupil and shall remain in effect until the pupil completes  
 14 his or her course of study in the receiving district or until the  
 15 parent or guardian withdraws the pupil from the assignment."; and

16 Further amend said bill and section, page 36, line 26 of  
 17 said page, by inserting after all of said line the following:

18 "167.125. 1. (1) For the purposes of this section, the  
 19 term "attendance center" shall mean a public school building or  
 20 buildings or part of a school building that constitutes one unit  
 21 for accountability purposes under the Missouri school improvement

1 program.

2 (2) For any pupil residing in any unincorporated area  
3 located in any county of the first classification with more than  
4 one hundred one thousand but fewer than one hundred fifteen  
5 thousand inhabitants that also borders on any county with a  
6 charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty  
7 thousand inhabitants and any county with a charter form of  
8 government and with more than three hundred thousand but fewer  
9 than four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, and for any pupil  
10 residing in any village with more than three hundred twenty but  
11 fewer than three hundred sixty inhabitants and located in any  
12 county of the third classification without a township form of  
13 government and with more than twenty-three thousand but fewer  
14 than twenty-six thousand inhabitants and with a village with more  
15 than two hundred but fewer than two hundred fifty inhabitants as  
16 the county seat, the commissioner of education or his or her  
17 designee shall, upon proper application by the parent or guardian  
18 of the pupil, assign the pupil and any sibling of the pupil to  
19 another school district if the pupil is eligible as described  
20 under subsection 2 of this section and the following conditions  
21 are met:

22 (a) The actual driving distance from the pupil's residence  
23 to the attendance center in the district of residence is fifteen  
24 miles or more by the shortest route available as determined by  
25 the commissioner or his or her designee;

26 (b) The attendance center to which the pupil would be  
27 assigned in the receiving district is at least five miles closer  
28 in actual driving distance by the shortest route available to the  
29 pupil's residence than the current attendance center in the

1 district of residence as determined by the commissioner or his or  
2 her designee; and

3 (c) The attendance of the pupil will not cause the  
4 classroom in the receiving district to exceed the maximum number  
5 of pupils per class as determined by the receiving district.

6 2. (1) For pupils applying to the commissioner of  
7 education under this section, the commissioner, or his or her  
8 designee, shall assign pupils in the order in which applications  
9 are received, provided the applications are properly completed  
10 and the conditions of subsection 1 of this section are met.

11 (2) Once granted, the hardship assignment shall continue  
12 until the pupil, and any sibling of the pupil who attends the  
13 same attendance center, completes his or her course of study in  
14 the receiving district or the parent or guardian withdraws the  
15 pupil. If a parent or guardian withdraws a pupil from a hardship  
16 assignment, the granting of a subsequent application is  
17 discretionary.

18 (3) A pupil shall be eligible to apply to the commissioner  
19 of education to be assigned to another district under this  
20 section if the pupil has been enrolled in and attending a public  
21 school in his or her district of residence during the school year  
22 prior to the application. Any pupil shall be eligible to apply  
23 to the commissioner of education to be assigned to another  
24 district under this section if the pupil has been enrolled in and  
25 attending a public school in a district other than his or her  
26 district of residence and paid nonresident tuition for such  
27 enrollment during the school year prior to the application.  
28 Pupils who reside in the district who become eligible for  
29 kindergarten or first grade shall also be eligible to apply to

1 the commissioner of education to be assigned to another district.

2 (4) A pupil who is not currently enrolled in a public  
3 school district shall become eligible to apply to the  
4 commissioner of education to be assigned to another district  
5 after the pupil has enrolled in and completed a full school year  
6 in a public school in his or her district of residence.

7 3. The board of education of the district in which the  
8 pupil resides shall pay the tuition of the pupil assigned. The  
9 tuition amount shall not exceed the pro rata cost of instruction.  
10 However, if the tuition of the receiving district is greater than  
11 the tuition of the pupil's district of residence, the pupil's  
12 parent or guardian shall pay the difference in tuition.

13 4. A receiving district shall not be required to alter its  
14 transportation route to accommodate pupils that are assigned to  
15 the receiving district under the provisions of this section.";  
16 and

17 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.