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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CURLS.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 161.092, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the duties of the state board of education.

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

Section A. Section 161.092, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.092, to read as follows:

161.092. The state board of education shall:

2 (1) Adopt rules governing its own proceedings and formulate policies for
3 the guidance of the commissioner of education and the department of elementary
4 and secondary education;

5 (2) Carry out the educational policies of the state relating to public
6 schools that are provided by law and supervise instruction in the public schools;

7 (3) Direct the investment of all moneys received by the state to be applied
8 to the capital of any permanent fund established for the support of public
9 education within the jurisdiction of the department of elementary and secondary
10 education and see that the funds are applied to the branches of educational
11 interest of the state that by grant, gift, devise or law they were originally
12 intended, and if necessary institute suit for and collect the funds and return them
13 to their legitimate channels;

14 (4) Cause to be assembled information which will reflect continuously the
15 condition and management of the public schools of the state;

16 (5) Require of county clerks or treasurers, boards of education or other
17 school officers, recorders and treasurers of cities, towns and villages, copies of all
18 records required to be made by them and all other information in relation to the
19 funds and condition of schools and the management thereof that is deemed
20 necessary;

21 (6) Provide blanks suitable for use by officials in reporting the information
22 required by the board;

23 (7) When conditions demand, cause the laws relating to schools to be
24 published in a separate volume, with pertinent notes and comments, for the
25 guidance of those charged with the execution of the laws;

26 (8) Grant, without fee except as provided in section 168.021, certificates
27 of qualification and licenses to teach in any of the public schools of the state,
28 establish requirements therefor, formulate regulations governing the issuance
29 thereof, and cause the certificates to be revoked for the reasons and in the
30 manner provided in section 168.071;

31 (9) Classify the public schools of the state **including charter schools**,
32 subject to limitations provided by law and subdivision (14) of this section,
33 establish requirements for the schools of each class, and formulate rules
34 governing the inspection and accreditation of schools preparatory to classification,
35 with such requirements taking effect not less than two years from the date of
36 adoption of the proposed rule by the state board of education, provided that this
37 condition shall not apply to any requirement for which a time line for adoption
38 is mandated in either federal or state law. Such rules shall include a process to
39 allow any district that is accredited without provision that does not meet the
40 state board's promulgated criteria for a classification designation of accredited
41 with distinction to propose alternative criteria to the state board to be classified
42 as accredited with distinction;

43 (10) Make an annual report on or before the first Wednesday after the
44 first day of January to the general assembly or, when it is not in session, to the
45 governor for publication and transmission to the general assembly. The report
46 shall be for the last preceding school year, and shall include:

47 (a) A statement of the number of public schools in the state, the number
48 of pupils attending the schools, their sex, and the branches taught;

49 (b) A statement of the number of teachers employed, their sex, their
50 professional training, and their average salary;

51 (c) A statement of the receipts and disbursements of public school funds
52 of every description, their sources, and the purposes for which they were
53 disbursed;

54 (d) Suggestions for the improvement of public schools; and

55 (e) Any other information relative to the educational interests of the state
56 that the law requires or the board deems important;

57 (11) Make an annual report to the general assembly and the governor
58 concerning coordination with other agencies and departments of government that
59 support family literacy programs and other services which influence educational
60 attainment of children of all ages;

61 (12) Require from the chief officer of each division of the department of
62 elementary and secondary education, on or before the thirty-first day of August
63 of each year, reports containing information the board deems important and
64 desires for publication;

65 (13) Cause fifty copies of its annual report to be reserved for the use of
66 each division of the state department of elementary and secondary education, and
67 ten copies for preservation in the state library;

68 (14) Promulgate rules under which the board shall classify the public
69 schools of the state **including charter schools**; provided that the appropriate
70 scoring guides, instruments, and procedures used in determining the
71 accreditation status of a district **or charter school** shall be subject to a public
72 meeting upon notice in a newspaper of general circulation in each of the three
73 most populous cities in the state and also a newspaper that is a certified minority
74 business enterprise or woman-owned business enterprise in each of the two most
75 populous cities in the state, and notice to each district board of education, each
76 superintendent of a school district, **each charter school sponsor**, and to the
77 speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tem of the senate, and
78 the members of the joint committee on education, at least fourteen days in
79 advance of the meeting, which shall be conducted by the department of
80 elementary and secondary education not less than ninety days prior to their
81 application in accreditation, with all comments received to be reported to the
82 state board of education;

83 (15) Have other powers and duties prescribed by law.

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