

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

Whereas, the St. Louis Public School District has been under the authority of a Special Administrative Board since 2007; and

Whereas, the Special Administrative Board is set to expire in 2019; and

Whereas, this transfer in administrative authority was intended to be temporary; and

Whereas, on a date set by the State Board of Education, any district operating under the governance of a special administrative board shall return to local governance, and continue operation as a school district as otherwise authorized by law; and

Whereas, the St. Louis Public School District has shown a strong improvement in annual performance report scores over the last several years; and

Whereas, the transition back to an elected board will allow for more local input and control:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby create the "Joint Committee on the Transition of the St. Louis Public School District"; and

Be It Further Resolved that the mission of the Joint Committee shall be to fully consider and make recommendations in a report to the General Assembly on:

(1) Transitioning the St. Louis Public School District from the Special Administrative Board back to an elected school board; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Joint Committee be authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this state to assist in gathering information pursuant to its objective; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Joint Committee shall be composed of:

(1) Five members of the Senate and five members of the House of Representatives, with no more than three members of either chamber being of one party. The Senate members of the Joint Committee shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the House of Representatives members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(2) The members of the Special Administrative Board; and

(3) The members of the elected school board of the St. Louis Public School District; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Joint Committee shall select either a chairperson or co-chairpersons,

one of whom shall be a member of the Senate and one a member of the House of Representatives. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Joint Committee may hold hearings as it deems advisable and may obtain any input or information necessary to fulfill its obligations; and

Be It Further Resolved that the staff of Senate Research and House Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the Joint Committee may require in the performance of its duties; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Joint Committee, its members, and any staff assigned to the committee shall receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the committee; and

Be It Further Resolved that the chairperson or co-chairpersons of the Joint Committee shall call an organizational meeting within fifteen days of the adoption of this resolution; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Joint Committee shall terminate by either a majority of members voting for termination, or by December 31, 2018, whichever occurs first. On the date of termination, the Joint Committee shall deliver a report of findings and recommendations to the General Assembly; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Joint Committee is authorized to function during the legislative interim between the Second Regular Session of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly and the First Regular Session of the One Hundredth General Assembly through December 31, 2018, as authorized by State v. Atterbury, 300 S.W.2d 806 (Mo. 1957).