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# SENATE BILL NO. 687

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 160.530, 302.272, and 304.060, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to student transportation.

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

Section A. Sections 160.530, 302.272, and 304.060, RSMo, are repealed  
2 and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 160.530,  
3 302.272, and 304.060, to read as follows:

160.530. 1. Beginning with fiscal year 1994 and for all fiscal years  
2 thereafter, in order to be eligible for state aid distributed pursuant to section  
3 163.031, a school district shall allocate one percent of moneys received pursuant  
4 to section 163.031, exclusive of categorical add-ons, to the professional  
5 development committee of the district as established in subdivision (1) of  
6 subsection 4 of section 168.400, **provided that in any fiscal year ending**  
7 **with fiscal year 2024 in which the amount appropriated and expended**  
8 **to the public schools under section 163.161 for the transportation of**  
9 **pupils is less than twenty-five percent of the allowable costs of**  
10 **providing pupil transportation under said section, a school district**  
11 **may, by majority vote of its board, allocate an amount less than one**  
12 **percent of the moneys received pursuant to section 163.031, exclusive**  
13 **of categorical add-ons, to the professional development committee of**  
14 **the district but in no instance shall the district allocate less than one-**  
15 **half of one percent of the moneys received pursuant to section 163.031,**  
16 **exclusive of categorical add-ons, to the professional development**

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

17 **committee of the district.** Of the moneys allocated to the professional  
18 development committee in any fiscal year as specified by this subsection,  
19 seventy-five percent of such funds shall be spent in the same fiscal year for  
20 purposes determined by the professional development committee after  
21 consultation with the administrators of the school district and approved by the  
22 local board of education as meeting the objectives of a school improvement plan  
23 of the district that has been developed by the local board. Moneys expended for  
24 staff training pursuant to any provisions of [this] **the outstanding schools** act  
25 shall not be considered in determining the requirements for school districts  
26 imposed by this subsection.

27 2. Beginning with fiscal year 1994 and for all fiscal years thereafter,  
28 eighteen million dollars shall be distributed by the commissioner of education to  
29 address statewide areas of critical need for learning and development, provided  
30 that such disbursements are approved by the joint committee on education as  
31 provided in subsection 5 of this section, and as determined by rule and regulation  
32 of the state board of education with the advice of the advisory council provided  
33 by subsection 1 of section 168.015. The moneys described in this subsection may  
34 be distributed by the commissioner of education to colleges, universities, private  
35 associations, professional education associations, statewide associations organized  
36 for the benefit of members of boards of education, public elementary and  
37 secondary schools, and other associations and organizations that provide  
38 professional development opportunities for teachers, administrators, family  
39 literacy personnel and boards of education for the purpose of addressing  
40 statewide areas of critical need, provided that subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of this  
41 subsection shall constitute priority uses for such moneys. "Statewide areas of  
42 critical need for learning and development" shall include:

43 (1) Funding the operation of state management teams in districts with  
44 academically deficient schools and providing resources specified by the  
45 management team as needed in such districts;

46 (2) Funding for grants to districts, upon application to the department of  
47 elementary and secondary education, for resources identified as necessary by the  
48 district, for those districts which are failing to achieve assessment standards;

49 (3) Funding for family literacy programs;

50 (4) Ensuring that all children, especially children at risk, children with  
51 special needs, and gifted students are successful in school;

52 (5) Increasing parental involvement in the education of their children;

53 (6) Providing information which will assist public school administrators  
54 and teachers in understanding the process of site-based decision making;

55 (7) Implementing recommended curriculum frameworks as outlined in  
56 section 160.514;

57 (8) Training in new assessment techniques for students;

58 (9) Cooperating with law enforcement authorities to expand successful  
59 antidrug programs for students;

60 (10) Strengthening existing curricula of local school districts to stress  
61 drug and alcohol prevention;

62 (11) Implementing and promoting programs to combat gang activity in  
63 urban areas of the state;

64 (12) Establishing family schools, whereby such schools adopt proven  
65 models of one-stop state services for children and families;

66 (13) Expanding adult literacy services; and

67 (14) Training of members of boards of education in the areas deemed  
68 important for the training of effective board members as determined by the state  
69 board of education.

70 3. Beginning with fiscal year 1994 and for all fiscal years thereafter, two  
71 million dollars of the moneys appropriated to the department of elementary and  
72 secondary education otherwise distributed to the public schools of the state  
73 pursuant to the provisions of section 163.031, exclusive of categorical add-ons,  
74 shall be distributed in grant awards by the state board of education, by rule and  
75 regulation, for the "Success Leads to Success" grant program, which is hereby  
76 created. The purpose of the success leads to success grant program shall be to  
77 recognize, disseminate and exchange information about the best professional  
78 teaching practices and programs in the state that address student needs, and to  
79 encourage the staffs of schools with these practices and programs to develop  
80 school-to-school networks to share these practices and programs.

81 4. The department shall include a listing of all expenditures under this  
82 section in the annual budget documentation presented to the governor and  
83 general assembly.

84 5. Prior to distributing any funds under subsection 2 of this section, the  
85 commissioner of education shall appear before the joint committee on education  
86 and present a proposed delineation of the programs to be funded under the  
87 provisions of subsection 2 of this section. The joint committee shall review all  
88 proposed spending under subsection 2 of this section and shall affirm, by a

89 majority vote of all members serving on the committee, the spending proposal of  
90 the commissioner prior to any disbursement of funds under subsection 2 of this  
91 section.

92 6. If any provision of subdivision (11) of subsection 4 of section 160.254  
93 or any provision of subsection 2 or 5 of this section regarding approval of  
94 disbursements by the joint committee on education is held to be invalid for any  
95 reason, then such decision shall invalidate subsection 2 of this section in its  
96 entirety.

302.272. 1. No person shall operate any school bus owned by or under  
2 contract with a public school or the state board of education unless such driver  
3 has qualified for a school bus endorsement under this section and complied with  
4 the pertinent rules and regulations of the department of revenue and any final  
5 rule issued by the secretary of the United States Department of Transportation  
6 or has a valid school bus endorsement on a valid commercial driver's license  
7 issued by another state. A school bus endorsement shall be issued to any  
8 applicant who meets the following qualifications:

9 (1) The applicant has a valid state license issued under this chapter;

10 (2) The applicant is at least twenty-one years of age; and

11 (3) The applicant has successfully passed an examination for the  
12 operation of a school bus as prescribed by the director of revenue. The  
13 examination shall include any examinations prescribed by the secretary of the  
14 United States Department of Transportation, and a driving test in the type of  
15 vehicle to be operated. The test shall be completed in the appropriate class of  
16 vehicle to be driven. For purposes of this section classes of school buses shall  
17 comply with the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (Title XII of Pub.  
18 Law 99-570). For drivers who are at least seventy years of age, such  
19 examination, **excluding the pre-trip inspection portion of the commercial**  
20 **driver's license skills test**, shall be completed annually **to retain the school**  
21 **bus endorsement**.

22 2. The director of revenue, to the best of the director's knowledge, shall  
23 not issue or renew a school bus endorsement to any applicant whose driving  
24 record shows that such applicant's privilege to operate a motor vehicle has been  
25 suspended, revoked or disqualified or whose driving record shows a history of  
26 moving vehicle violations.

27 3. The director may adopt any rules and regulations necessary to carry  
28 out the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is

29 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this  
30 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the  
31 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and  
32 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general  
33 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to  
34 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the  
35 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,  
36 2004, shall be invalid and void.

37 4. Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, an applicant who  
38 resides in another state and possesses a valid driver's license from his or her  
39 state of residence with a valid school bus endorsement for the type of vehicle  
40 being operated shall not be required to obtain a Missouri driver's license with a  
41 school bus endorsement.

304.060. 1. The state board of education shall adopt and enforce  
2 regulations not inconsistent with law to cover the design and operation of all  
3 school buses used for the transportation of school children when owned and  
4 operated by any school district or privately owned and operated under contract  
5 with any school district in this state, and such regulations shall by reference be  
6 made a part of any such contract with a school district. The state board of  
7 education may adopt rules and regulations governing the use of other vehicles  
8 owned by a district or operated under contract with any school district in this  
9 state and used for the purpose of transporting school children. The operator of  
10 such vehicle shall be licensed in accordance with section 302.272, and such  
11 vehicle shall transport no more children than the manufacturer suggests as  
12 appropriate for such vehicle. The state board of education may also adopt rules  
13 and regulations governing the use of authorized common carriers for the  
14 transportation of students on field trips or other special trips for educational  
15 purposes. Every school district, its officers and employees, and every person  
16 employed under contract by a school district shall be subject to such  
17 regulations. The state board of education shall cooperate with the state  
18 transportation department and the state highway patrol in placing suitable  
19 warning signs at intervals on the highways of the state.

20 2. **Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section,**  
21 **any school board in the state of Missouri in an urban district**  
22 **containing the greater part of the population of a city which has more**  
23 **than three hundred thousand inhabitants may contract with any**

24 municipality, bi-state agency, or other governmental entity for the  
25 purpose of transporting school children attending a grade or grades not  
26 lower than the ninth nor higher than the twelfth grade, provided that  
27 such contract shall be for additional transportation services, and shall  
28 not replace or fulfill any of the school district's obligations pursuant to  
29 section 167.231. The school district may notify students of the option  
30 to use district contracted transportation services.

31       3. Any officer or employee of any school district who violates any of the  
32 regulations or fails to include obligation to comply with such regulations in any  
33 contract executed by him on behalf of a school district shall be guilty of  
34 misconduct and subject to removal from office or employment. Any person  
35 operating a school bus under contract with a school district who fails to comply  
36 with any such regulations shall be guilty of breach of contract and such contract  
37 shall be cancelled after notice and hearing by the responsible officers of such  
38 school district.

39       [3.] 4. Any other provision of the law to the contrary notwithstanding, in  
40 any county of the first class with a charter form of government adjoining a city  
41 not within a county, school buses may bear the word "special".

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