

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

Offered by _____ of _____

Amend SS/SCS/Senate Bill No. 525, Page 1, Section title, Line 4,

2 of the title, by striking "recovery programs for high school
3 students" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "charter
4 schools"; and

5 Further amend said bill, Page 2, Section 160.400, Line 14 of
6 said page, by striking "160.425" and inserting in lieu thereof
7 the following: "160.420"; and

8 Further amend said bill and section, page 3, line 27 of said
9 page, by striking the semicolon ";" and inserting in lieu thereof
10 a period "."; and further amend line 28 of said page, by striking
11 all of said lines; and

12 Further amend said bill and section, page 4, line 1 of said
13 page, by striking all of said line; and

14 Further amend said bill and section, page 5, line 7 of said
15 page, by striking "160.425" and inserting in lieu thereof the
16 following: "160.420"; and

17 Further amend said bill and section, page 6, line 8 of said
18 page, by striking "160.425" and inserting in lieu thereof the
19 following: "160.420"; and

20 Further amend said bill and section, page 7, line 24 of said
21 page, by striking "160.425" and inserting in lieu thereof the

1 following: "160.420"; and

2 Further amend said bill and section, Page 8, line 27 of said
3 page, by striking "160.425" and inserting in lieu thereof the
4 following: "160.420"; and

5 Further amend said bill and section, page 10, line 23 of
6 said page, by striking "160.425" and inserting in lieu thereof
7 the following: "160.420"; and further amend line 25 of said
8 page, by striking "160.425" and inserting in lieu thereof the
9 following: "160.420"; and

10 Further amend said bill and section, page 12, lines 2-5 of
11 said page, by striking all of said lines; and further amend line
12 13 of said page, by inserting immediately after said line the
13 following:

14 "160.403. 1. The department of elementary and secondary
15 education shall establish an annual application and approval
16 process for all entities eligible to sponsor charters as set
17 forth in section 160.400 which are not sponsoring a charter
18 school as of August 28, 2012[, except that the Missouri charter
19 public school commission shall not be required to undergo the
20 application and approval process]. No later than November 1,
21 2012, the department shall make available information and
22 guidelines for all eligible sponsors concerning the opportunity
23 to apply for sponsoring authority under this section.

24 2. The application process for sponsorship shall require
25 each interested eligible sponsor[, except for the Missouri
26 charter public school commission,] to submit an application by
27 February first that includes the following:

28 (1) Written notification of intent to serve as a charter
29 school sponsor in accordance with sections 160.400 to [160.425]

1 160.420 and section 167.349;

2 (2) Evidence of the applicant sponsor's budget and
3 personnel capacity;

4 (3) An outline of the request for proposal that the
5 applicant sponsor would, if approved as a charter sponsor, issue
6 to solicit charter school applicants consistent with sections
7 160.400 to ~~[160.425]~~ 160.420 and section 167.349;

8 (4) The performance contract that the applicant sponsor
9 would, if approved as a charter sponsor, use to evaluate the
10 charter schools it sponsors; and

11 (5) The applicant sponsor's renewal, revocation, and
12 nonrenewal processes consistent with section 160.405.

13 3. By April first of each year, the department shall decide
14 whether to grant or deny a sponsoring authority to a sponsor
15 applicant. This decision shall be made based on the applicant
16 sponsor's compliance with sections 160.400 to ~~[160.425]~~ 160.420
17 and section 167.349 and properly promulgated rules of the
18 department.

19 4. Within thirty days of the department's decision, the
20 department shall execute a renewable sponsoring contract with
21 each entity it has approved as a sponsor. The term of each
22 authorizing contract shall be six years and renewable."; and

23 Further amend said bill, Page 24, Section 160.415, line 12
24 of said page, by striking "160.425" and inserting in lieu thereof
25 the following: "160.420"; and

26 Further amend said bill, page 25, section 160.415, lines 13
27 of said page, by inserting immediately after said line the
28 following:

29 "[160.425. 1. The "Missouri Charter Public

1 School Commission" is hereby created with the authority
2 to sponsor high quality charter schools throughout the
3 state of Missouri.

4 2. The commission shall consist of nine members
5 appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and
6 consent of the senate. No more than five of the
7 members shall be of the same political party. No more
8 than two members shall be from the same congressional
9 district. The term of office of each member shall be
10 four years, except those of the members first
11 appointed, of which three shall be appointed for a term
12 of one year, two for a term of two years, two for a
13 term of three years, and two for a term of four years.
14 At the expiration of the term of each member, the
15 governor, by and with the advice and consent of the
16 senate, shall appoint a successor.

17 3. The appointees to the commission shall be
18 selected as follows:

19 (1) One member selected by the governor from a
20 slate of three recommended by the commissioner of
21 education;

22 (2) One member selected by the governor from a
23 slate of three recommended by the commissioner of
24 higher education;

25 (3) One member selected by the governor from a
26 slate of three recommended by the president pro tempore
27 of the senate;

28 (4) One member selected by the governor from a
29 slate of three recommended by the speaker of the house
30 of representatives; and

31 (5) Five additional members appointed by the
32 governor, one of whom shall be selected from a slate of
33 three nominees recommended by the Missouri School
34 Boards Association.

35 4. Members appointed to the commission shall
36 collectively possess strong experience and expertise in
37 governance, management and finance, school leadership,
38 assessment, curriculum and instruction, and education
39 law. All members of the commission shall have
40 demonstrated understanding of and commitment to charter
41 schooling as a strategy for strengthening public
42 education.

43 5. The commission shall annually elect a
44 chairperson and vice chairperson, who shall act as
45 chairperson in his or her absence. The commission
46 shall meet at the call of the chairperson. The
47 chairperson may call meetings at such times as he or
48 she deems advisable and shall call a meeting when
49 requested to do so by three or more members of the
50 commission. Members of the commission are not eligible
51 to receive compensation.

52 6. The commission may approve proposed charters

1 for its sponsorship under sections 160.400 to 160.425
2 and shall:

3 (1) Comply with all of the requirements
4 applicable to sponsors under sections 160.400 to
5 160.425;

6 (2) Exercise sponsorship over charters approved
7 by the commission under sections 160.400 to 160.425,
8 including receipt of sponsorship funding under
9 subsection 11 of section 160.400.

10 7. Charter schools sponsored by the commission
11 shall comply with all of the requirements applicable to
12 charter schools under sections 160.400 to 160.425.

13 8. The commission shall conduct its business in
14 accordance with chapter 610.

15 9. The department of elementary and secondary
16 education shall provide start-up funding for the
17 commission to operate. The commission shall reimburse
18 the department's costs from any funds it receives as
19 sponsor under section 160.400.

20 10. The commission is authorized to receive and
21 expend gifts, grants, and donations of any kind from
22 any public or private entity to carry out the purposes
23 of sections 160.400 to 160.425, subject to the terms
24 and conditions under which they are given, provided
25 that all such terms and conditions are permissible
26 under law.]; and

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28 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.
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