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# SENATE BILL NO. 328

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ROWDEN.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 160.425, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to sponsorship funding due to the Missouri charter public school commission.

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

Section A. Section 160.425, RSMo, is repealed and one new  
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 160.425,  
3 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

47           6. The commission may approve proposed charters for  
48 its sponsorship under sections 160.400 to 160.425 and shall:

49           (1) Comply with all of the requirements applicable to  
50 sponsors under sections 160.400 to 160.425;

51           (2) Exercise sponsorship over charters approved by the  
52 commission under sections 160.400 to 160.425, including  
53 receipt of sponsorship funding under subsection 11 of  
54 section 160.400. **Sponsorship funding due to the commission**  
55 **shall be deposited to the credit of the charter public**  
56 **school commission revolving fund created pursuant to this**  
57 **section.**

58           7. Charter schools sponsored by the commission shall  
59 comply with all of the requirements applicable to charter  
60 schools under sections 160.400 to 160.425.

61           8. The commission shall conduct its business in  
62 accordance with chapter 610.

63           9. The department of elementary and secondary  
64 education shall provide start-up funding for the commission  
65 to operate. The commission shall reimburse the department's  
66 costs from any funds it receives as sponsor under section  
67 160.400.

68           10. The commission is authorized to receive and expend  
69 gifts, grants, and donations of any kind from any public or  
70 private entity to carry out the purposes of sections 160.400  
71 to 160.425, subject to the terms and conditions under which  
72 they are given, provided that all such terms and conditions  
73 are permissible under law.

74           **11. There is hereby created in the state treasury the**  
75 **"Charter Public School Commission Revolving Fund", which**  
76 **shall consist of moneys collected under this section. The**  
77 **state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In**  
78 **accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state**  
79 **treasurer may approve disbursements. Notwithstanding the**  
80 **provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys**  
81 **remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not**  
82 **revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state**

83 treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner  
84 as other funds are invested. Subject to appropriation,  
85 moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the  
86 administration of this section.

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