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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR O'LAUGHLIN.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the distribution of certain federal moneys to elementary and secondary schools, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.228, to read as follows:

161.228. 1. The department of elementary and secondary education shall not distribute to any public school district or charter school any grant of funds received in whole or in part under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. 116-136, or under any other federal statute passed in response to COVID-19, for expenses incurred by such school district or charter school beginning July 1, 2020, without first receiving evidence from the school district or charter school that demonstrates at the time of each such distribution that, except for good cause shown, such school district or charter school:

(1) Has adopted a policy providing for in-person attendance for at least four days of instruction per week; and

(2) Has provided in-person attendance for at least four days of instruction per week in the period since the

18 opening date of the school calendar and the date of the
19 proposed distribution of grant funds under this section.

20 2. For purposes of this section, "COVID-19" shall mean
21 any disease, health condition, or threat of harm caused by
22 the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 or a
23 virus mutating therefrom.

24 3. For purposes of this section, "good cause" shall
25 include only temporary modifications to a school district's
26 or charter school's in-person attendance policy in response
27 to COVID-19 which authorize the cancellation of school days
28 or remote teaching of student for less than fourteen
29 consecutive days.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to
2 coordinate the responses of public and charter schools to
3 the COVID-19 pandemic in a manner that ensures students
4 receive all necessary instruction, section A of this act is
5 deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the
6 public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby
7 declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the
8 constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full
9 force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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