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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the extended learning opportunities act.

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

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 160.565, to read as
3 follows:

160.565. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited
2 as the "Extended Learning Opportunities Act".

3 2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

4 (1) "Extended learning opportunity", an out-of-
5 classroom learning experience that is approved by a local
6 school board or a charter school and that provides a student
7 with:

8 (a) Enrichment opportunities;

9 (b) Career readiness or employability skills
10 opportunities including, but not limited to, internships;
11 preapprenticeships; or apprenticeships; or

12 (c) Any other approved educational opportunity;

13 (2) "Parent", a student's parent, guardian, or other
14 person having control or custody of such student;

15 (3) "Student", any child attending an elementary or
16 secondary public school in grades kindergarten through
17 twelve.

18 3. Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, each local
19 school board or charter school shall routinely inform
20 students and parents of the ability for students to earn
21 credit for participating in extended learning
22 opportunities. Public schools and charter schools may
23 assist students and parents in completing enrollment
24 processes required for participating in approved extended
25 learning opportunities. No student or parent shall be
26 required to obtain permission from the student's school
27 district or charter school to enroll in an approved extended
28 learning opportunity. Before participating in any extended
29 learning opportunity, the student and at least one parent
30 shall sign an agreement detailing all program requirements
31 in a form developed by the department of elementary and
32 secondary education and approved by the state board of
33 education.

34 4. An extended learning opportunity shall count as a
35 credit toward graduation requirements and the achievement of
36 applicable state standards for students. To receive credit,
37 a student shall submit a written request for credit and
38 proof of successful completion of the extended learning
39 opportunity to a designated administrator of the school the
40 student attends.

41 5. Each local school district and charter school shall
42 adopt, distribute, and implement extended learning
43 opportunities policies that provide all of the following:

44 (1) An application process for accepting and approving
45 extended learning opportunities offered for credit from
46 outside entities;

47 (2) A list of entities that are eligible to submit
48 applications to offer extended learning opportunities
49 including, but not limited to:

- 50 (a) Nonprofit organizations;
- 51 (b) Businesses with established locations;
- 52 (c) Trade associations; and
- 53 (d) The Armed Forces of the United States, subject to
- 54 applicable age requirements;
- 55 (3) A process for students and parents to request
- 56 credit;
- 57 (4) Criteria that school districts and charter schools
- 58 shall use to determine whether a proposed extended learning
- 59 opportunity shall be approved; and
- 60 (5) Criteria that school districts and charter schools
- 61 shall use to award a certificate of completion and credit
- 62 for completing an extended learning opportunity including,
- 63 but not limited to, allowing a student to demonstrate
- 64 competencies through performance-based assessments and other
- 65 methods independent of instructional time and credit hours.
- 66 6. An entity approved by the state board of education
- 67 to offer an extended learning opportunity shall be
- 68 automatically qualified to offer that extended learning
- 69 opportunity to all school districts and charter schools.
- 70 7. A student who successfully completes an approved
- 71 extended learning opportunity and satisfies criteria for the
- 72 award of a certification of completion and credit under
- 73 subdivision (5) of subsection 5 of this section shall be
- 74 considered to have completed all required coursework for the
- 75 particular course. In an extended learning opportunity that
- 76 satisfies all required coursework for a high school course,
- 77 the student shall also be considered to have satisfied the
- 78 equivalent number of credits toward the student's graduation
- 79 requirements.
- 80 8. Any policy or procedure adopted by the state board
- 81 of education, a school board, or a charter school for

82 participating in an extended learning opportunity shall
83 provide every student an equal opportunity to participate
84 and shall satisfy established timelines and requirements for
85 purposes of transcribing credits and state reporting.

86 9. The state board of education may promulgate rules
87 to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or
88 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
89 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in
90 this section shall become effective only if it complies with
91 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,
92 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter
93 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the
94 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay
95 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
96 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
97 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
98 August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void.

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