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103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapters 160 and 162, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to safe school environments.

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

Section A. Chapters 160 and 162, RSMo, are amended by
2 adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 160.664
3 and 162.207, to read as follows:

**160.664. 1. As used in this section, the following
2 terms mean:**

3 (1) "Department", the department of elementary and
4 secondary education;

5 (2) "Local educational agency", as such term is
6 defined in section 161.1085.

7 2. The department shall establish procedures by which
8 each local educational agency shall regularly report to the
9 department all school safety incidents and credible school
10 safety threats that occur at each attendance center of such
11 local educational agency, including, but not limited to, all
12 incidents of school shootings or other incidents involving a
13 firearm, explosive, knife, or other weapon defined in
14 section 571.010; all credible threats of school shootings or
15 other incidents involving a firearm, explosive, knife, or
16 other weapon defined in section 571.010; and any other
17 school safety incidents or credible school safety threats as

18 determined by the department. The department may require
19 local educational agencies to report acts of school violence
20 or violent behavior, as such terms are defined in section
21 160.261, or any crimes required to be reported to law
22 enforcement pursuant to section 160.261.

23 3. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 2
24 of this section shall include, but shall not be limited to,
25 the following elements:

26 (1) Criteria to assist local educational agencies in
27 determining what constitutes a school safety incident or
28 credible school safety threat that is required to be
29 reported to the department;

30 (2) A time frame within which a local educational
31 agency shall report a school safety incident or credible
32 school safety threat after such incident or threat occurs;
33 and

34 (3) Any other information that the department requires
35 to be included in each report of a school safety incident or
36 credible school safety threat pursuant to the provisions of
37 this section.

38 4. The department shall maintain and regularly update
39 a database of all school safety incidents and credible
40 school safety threats that are reported pursuant to the
41 provisions of this section.

42 5. The department may promulgate rules to implement
43 the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a
44 rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
45 created under the authority delegated in this section shall
46 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to
47 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,
48 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
49 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the

50 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay
51 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
52 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
53 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
54 August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.

162.207. 1. For the 2026-27 school year and all
2 subsequent school years, each school district and charter
3 school governing board shall adopt a written policy
4 governing a student's possession or use of an electronic
5 personal communications device. Such school district or
6 governing board shall develop and design such policy to
7 promote the educational interests of students and to provide
8 a safe and effective working environment for school
9 employees and volunteers.

10 2. Such policy shall, at a minimum:

11 (1) Prohibit a student from displaying or using an
12 electronic personal communications device during regularly
13 scheduled instructional activities;

14 (2) Describe the disciplinary procedures and measures
15 that will be taken if a student violates the policy; and

16 (3) Provide exceptions to the prohibition that allow
17 the display and use of an electronic personal communications
18 device by a student:

19 (a) In the case of an emergency;

20 (b) When directed to use such device by a school
21 employee or volunteer for an instructional purpose; and

22 (c) When authorized by the following federal acts or
23 their successor acts:

24 a. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
25 (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. Section 1400, et seq., as amended;

26 b. The Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C.
27 Section 12101, et seq., as amended; or

28 c. The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Section
29 701, et seq., as amended.

30 3. Each school district and charter school governing
31 board shall publish the policy on such district's or charter
32 school's website.

33 4. A school district or charter school employee or
34 volunteer shall be held harmless and immune from any
35 liability for actions taken under this section if such
36 employee or volunteer acts in good faith and follows the
37 proper disciplinary procedures and measures adopted under
38 this section by the school board or charter school governing
39 board.

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