

SENATE BILL NO. 1383

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 178.530, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to agricultural education.

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

Section A. Section 178.530, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 178.530,
3 to read as follows:

178.530. 1. The state board of education shall
2 establish standards and annually inspect, as a basis for
3 approval, all public prevocational, vocational schools,
4 State Technical College of Missouri, departments and classes
5 receiving state or federal moneys for giving training in
6 agriculture, industrial, home economics and commercial
7 subjects and all schools, departments and classes receiving
8 state or federal moneys for the preparation of teachers and
9 supervisors of such subjects. The public prevocational and
10 vocational schools, State Technical College of Missouri,
11 departments, and classes, and the training schools,
12 departments and classes are entitled to the state or federal
13 moneys so long as they are approved by the state board of
14 education, as to site, plant, equipment, qualifications of
15 teachers, admission of pupils, courses of study and methods
16 of instruction. All disbursements of state or federal
17 moneys for the benefit of the approved prevocational and
18 vocational schools, State Technical College of Missouri,
19 departments and classes shall be made semiannually. The

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 school board of each approved school or the governing body
21 of State Technical College of Missouri shall file a report
22 with the state board of education at the times and in the
23 form that the state board requires. Upon receipt of a
24 satisfactory report, the state board of education shall
25 certify to the commissioner of administration for [his] **the**
26 **commissioner's** approval the amount of the state and federal
27 moneys due the school district or State Technical College of
28 Missouri. The amount due the school district shall be
29 certified by the commissioner of administration and proper
30 warrant therefor shall be issued to the district treasurer
31 or State Technical College of Missouri.

32 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of
33 this section, the state board of education shall establish
34 standards for agricultural education that may be adopted by
35 a private school accredited by an agency recognized by the
36 United States Department of Education as an accreditor of
37 private schools that wishes to provide quality vocational
38 programming outside the requirements of, but consistent
39 with, the federal Vocational Education Act. Such standards
40 shall be sufficient to qualify a private school to apply to
41 the state chapter for approval of a local chapter of a
42 federally chartered national agricultural education
43 association on a form developed for that purpose by the
44 department of elementary and secondary education without
45 eligibility to receive state or federal funding for
46 agricultural vocational education. The provisions of this
47 subsection shall not be construed to create eligibility for
48 a private school to receive state or federal funding for
49 agricultural vocational education, but shall not prohibit a
50 private school from receiving state or federal funds for
51 which such private school would otherwise be eligible for

52 agricultural vocational education. Any such private school
53 shall reimburse the department annually for the cost of
54 oversight and maintenance of the program.

55 3. (1) The department of elementary and secondary
56 education, through its agricultural education section, shall
57 be authorized to establish a [pilot] program, beginning in
58 the [2020-21] **2027-28** school year, to provide for
59 agricultural education in elementary schools in the state.
60 [The purpose of the pilot program shall be to determine
61 whether and how to implement an elementary agricultural
62 education program statewide.]

63 (2) (a) The department, through its employees who
64 work in the agricultural education section, [is authorized
65 to select from among applications submitted by the public
66 elementary schools a minimum of sixteen public elementary
67 schools for participation in the pilot program. The
68 department] shall develop [an application] a process for
69 public elementary schools to [apply to] participate in the
70 [pilot] program.

71 (b) The local school board for each elementary school
72 [selected] **that elects** to be in the [pilot] program shall
73 agree to implement and fully fund an elementary agricultural
74 education program in such school and [to continue to provide
75 such elementary agricultural education program for a period
76 no shorter than three years. The local school district] may
77 employ an agricultural education teacher to provide such
78 program for the elementary school.

79 (3) The department, through its employees who work in
80 the agricultural education section, [and local school
81 districts] shall [collaborate to] establish [the]
82 instructional [model] **models** for [each] **the** elementary
83 agricultural education program **in conjunction and**

84 **collaboration with Missouri agricultural commodity groups**
85 **and organizations that promote and support Missouri**
86 **agriculture.** Such instructional [model] models shall be
87 grade-appropriate and include instruction in an organized
88 classroom, collaborative learning experiences through
89 investigation and inquiry, including laboratory and site-
90 based learning activities, and personal, leadership, and
91 career development opportunities.

92 (4) The department, through its agricultural education
93 section, shall provide for a program evaluation regarding
94 the success and impact of the [pilot] program [upon
95 completion of the third year of the pilot program] and shall
96 report the results of such evaluation [to the relevant house
97 and senate committees on agriculture and education] **on the**
98 **department's website.**

99 4. The department shall maintain an adequate number of
100 full-time employees, certified in agricultural education and
101 distributed regionally throughout the state, to provide
102 accountability for program delivery of agricultural
103 education, to continue to develop and maintain pertinent
104 agricultural education instructional models and standards,
105 to assist local school districts on matters related to
106 agricultural education, and to coordinate regional and
107 statewide activities supporting K-12 agricultural education
108 programming.

109 5. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
110 require public elementary schools to participate in the
111 [pilot] program.

112 6. **The requirements of section 160.514 shall not apply**
113 **to this section.**

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