

# SENATE BILL NO. 1370

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BRATTIN.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to education.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto  
2 one new section, to be known as section 161.672, to read as  
3 follows:

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

3 (1) "Adult student", an individual who:

4 (a) Resides in this state;

5 (b) Does not have a high school diploma or a high  
6 school equivalency certificate issued by any state;

7 (c) Is twenty-one years of age or older; and

8 (d) Has fewer than twelve credits remaining or a total  
9 of two academic years remaining to achieve a high school  
10 diploma in the state of Missouri. For purposes of this  
11 paragraph, the term "credits remaining" shall not be  
12 construed to include credits earned toward career and  
13 technical education courses or attainment of an industry-  
14 recognized credential, a technical skills assessment, or a  
15 stackable credential;

16 (2) "Adult virtual program", a state-approved virtual  
17 course or full-time virtual program offered by a school  
18 district or a public institution of higher education.

19           2. An adult student may enroll in an adult virtual  
20 program and shall be eligible to enroll in the Missouri  
21 course access and virtual school program established in  
22 section 161.670.

23           3. (1) An adult virtual program under this subsection  
24 shall not be entitled to any funds paid to the school  
25 district as ordinary school revenue, including, but not  
26 limited to, local effort calculated under chapter 163. An  
27 adult virtual program provider shall be entitled to receive  
28 a monthly state allocation from the department of elementary  
29 and secondary education, derived solely from the state funds  
30 it collects and distributes based on the state adequacy  
31 target, as defined in section 163.011, in excess of any  
32 minimum free public school funding, and separate from any  
33 payment from the public school fund, as required by Article  
34 IX of the Constitution of Missouri. Subject only to such  
35 restrictions, each successfully passed and completed course  
36 shall result in payment to the program equal to fourteen  
37 percent of the state adequacy target.

38           (2) The total amount provided for an adult student  
39 enrolled in an adult virtual program shall not exceed the  
40 state adequacy target.

41           4. No school district with an adult student enrolled  
42 in an adult virtual program shall be required to report such  
43 adult student's information for purposes of a report  
44 submitted under section 160.522 or 161.670.

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