

SENATE BILL NO. 1777

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR COLEMAN.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to public school transformation campuses.

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 161.1160, to read as
3 follows:

161.1160. 1. For purposes of this section, the
2 following terms mean:

3 (1) "Charter school", includes only those charter
4 schools established under chapter 160 that satisfy the
5 following criteria:

6 (a) The charter of such charter school has not
7 previously been revoked;

8 (b) For the three school years immediately preceding
9 the school year of the proposed school transformation, the
10 charter school has an annual performance report score
11 consistent with an accreditation status of accredited
12 without provision; and

13 (c) The charter school had no significant findings on
14 the prior year annual financial audit;

15 (2) "Commissioner", the commissioner of elementary and
16 secondary education;

17 (3) "School district", includes only those school
18 districts that are determined to be in the bottom five
19 percent of scores on the annual performance report and those
20 school districts whose most recent annual performance report
21 score is consistent with an accreditation status of
22 provisionally accredited or unaccredited.

23 2. Subject to approval by the state board of
24 education, a school district board of directors or the
25 commissioner, acting as a school district board of
26 directors, may enter into a performance-based contract with
27 either of the following entities to operate a designated
28 public school as a "Public School Transformation Campus":

- 29 (1) The governing body of a charter school; or
30 (2) A nonprofit education management organization or
31 other entity, as approved by the state board of education.

32 3. A school district that contracts with an entity
33 identified in subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 2 of this
34 section to operate a public school transformation campus
35 shall be eligible for an exemption from the provisions of
36 sections 161.1080 to 161.1130, sections 162.081 to 162.083,
37 section 162.085, and sections 167.895 to 167.898.

38 4. A school district proposing to enter into a
39 contract under this section shall notify the commissioner of
40 the school district's intent to enter into the contract.
41 The state board of education shall establish by rule the
42 procedures for a school district to notify the commissioner,
43 including:

- 44 (1) The time period within which the notification is
45 required before the school year in which the proposed
46 contract would take effect; and

47 (2) If necessary, the charter school governing board
48 or other entity to which a school district shall submit
49 information as required.

50 5. The commissioner shall notify a school district
51 whether the proposed contract is approved not later than
52 sixty days after the date the state board of education and
53 the commissioner received notice of the proposed contract
54 and all information required by the commissioner to be
55 submitted has been received.

56 6. This section does not prohibit a contract between a
57 school district and another entity for the provision of
58 services for a public school within the school district,
59 including without limitation a contract for food services.

60 7. The department shall encourage charter school
61 operators to enter into contracts with school districts to
62 establish public school transformation campuses.

63 8. For purposes of accountability during the first two
64 school years of operation, a public school transformation
65 campus shall be:

66 (1) Awarded with an alternate performance status,
67 which shall be established and defined by the state board of
68 education;

69 (2) Exempt from any sanction or action against the
70 public school transformation campus for failure to satisfy
71 academic performance standards; and

72 (3) Publicly signaled as a public school
73 transformation campus.

74 9. Following the first two years of transformation,
75 the state board of education shall continue to evaluate and
76 assign all performance ratings received by other public
77 schools within a school district to the public school
78 transformation campus.

79 10. The department may provide, through state and
80 federal funds where allowable, financial incentives to
81 support transformations under this section.

82 11. The state board of education shall promulgate
83 rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule
84 or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
85 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in
86 this section shall become effective only if it complies with
87 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,
88 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter
89 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with
90 the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to
91 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
92 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
93 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
94 August 28, 2026, shall be invalid and void.

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