## SECOND REGULAR SESSION

## SENATE BILL NO. 906

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR GREGORY (15).

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## **ANACT**

To repeal sections 160.410, 160.415, 162.081, 167.132, 167.151, 167.241, 167.895, and 167.898, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof seven new sections relating to admission of nonresident students.

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

Section A. Sections 160.410, 160.415, 162.081, 167.132,

- 2 167.151, 167.241, 167.895, and 167.898, RSMo, are repealed and
- 3 seven new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as
- 4 sections 160.410, 160.415, 162.081, 167.151, 167.241, 167.895,
- 5 and 167.898, to read as follows:
  - 160.410. 1. A charter school shall enroll:
- 2 (1) All pupils resident in the district in which it
- 3 operates;
- 4 (2) Nonresident pupils eligible to attend a district's
- 5 school under an urban voluntary transfer program;
- 6 (3) Nonresident pupils who transfer [from an
- 7 unaccredited district] under section 167.895, [provided that
- 8 the charter school is an approved charter school, as defined
- 9 in section 167.895, and] subject to all other provisions of
- 10 section 167.895;
- 11 (4) In the case of a charter school whose mission
- 12 includes student drop-out prevention or recovery, any
- 13 nonresident pupil from the same or an adjacent county who
- 14 resides in a residential care facility, a transitional

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

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living group home, or an independent living program whose last school of enrollment is in the school district where the charter school is established, who submits a timely

19 In the case of a workplace charter school, any 20 student eligible to attend under subdivision (1) or (2) of 21 this subsection whose parent is employed in the business 22 district, who submits a timely application, unless the 23 number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level or building. The configuration of a 24 25 business district shall be set forth in the charter and 26 shall not be construed to create an undue advantage for a

single employer or small number of employers.

- 28 2. If capacity is insufficient to enroll all pupils
  29 who submit a timely application, the charter school shall
  30 have an admissions process that assures all applicants of an
  31 equal chance of gaining admission and does not discriminate
  32 based on parents' ability to pay fees or tuition except that:
- 33 (1) A charter school may establish a geographical area 34 around the school whose residents will receive a preference 35 for enrolling in the school, provided that such preferences 36 do not result in the establishment of racially or 37 socioeconomically isolated schools and provided such 38 preferences conform to policies and guidelines established 39 by the state board of education;
- 40 (2) A charter school may also give a preference for
  41 admission of children whose siblings attend the school or
  42 whose parents are employed at the school or in the case of a
  43 workplace charter school, a child whose parent is employed
  44 in the business district or at the business site of such
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46 (3) Charter schools may also give a preference for 47 admission to high-risk students, as defined in subdivision 48 (5) of subsection 2 of section 160.405, when the school 49 targets these students through its proposed mission, 50 curriculum, teaching methods, and services;

- (4) A charter school may also give a preference for admission to students who will be eligible for the free and reduced price lunch program in the upcoming school year.
- 54 3. A charter school shall not limit admission based on 55 race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, income level, except as allowed under subdivision (4) of subsection 2 of 56 this section, proficiency in the English language or 57 58 athletic ability, but may limit admission to pupils within a given age group or grade level. Charter schools may limit 59 60 admission based on gender only when the school is a singlegender school. Students of a charter school who have been 61 62 enrolled for a full academic year shall be counted in the 63 performance of the charter school on the statewide 64 assessments in that calendar year, unless otherwise exempted 65 as English language learners. For purposes of this subsection, "full academic year" means the last Wednesday in 66 67 September through the administration of the Missouri 68 assessment program test without transferring out of the 69 school and re-enrolling.
- 4. A charter school shall make available for public inspection, and provide upon request, to the parent, guardian, or other custodian of any school-age pupil resident in the district in which the school is located the following information:
- 75 (1) The school's charter;
- 76 (2) The school's most recent annual report card 77 published according to section 160.522;

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- 78 (3) The results of background checks on the charter 79 school's board members; and
- (4) If a charter school is operated by a management company, a copy of the written contract between the governing board of the charter school and the educational management organization or the charter management organization for services. The charter school may charge reasonable fees, not to exceed the rate specified in section 610.026 for furnishing copies of documents under this
- 5. When a student attending a charter school who is a resident of the school district in which the charter school is located moves out of the boundaries of such school district, the student may complete the current semester and shall be considered a resident student. The student's parent or legal guardian shall be responsible for the student's transportation to and from the charter school.
- 95 6. If a change in school district boundary lines occurs under section 162.223, 162.431, 162.441, or 162.451, 96 97 or by action of the state board of education under section 98 162.081, including attachment of a school district's 99 territory to another district or dissolution, such that a 100 student attending a charter school prior to such change no 101 longer resides in a school district in which the charter 102 school is located, then the student may complete the current 103 academic year at the charter school. The student shall be 104 considered a resident student. The student's parent or 105 legal quardian shall be responsible for the student's 106 transportation to and from the charter school.
- 7. The provisions of sections 167.018 and 167.019 concerning foster children's educational rights are applicable to charter schools.

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160.415. 1. For the purposes of calculation and 2 distribution of state school aid under section 163.031, 3 pupils enrolled in a charter school shall be included in the 4 pupil enrollment of the school district within which each 5 pupil resides. Each charter school shall report the 6 eligibility for free and reduced price lunch, special 7 education, or limited English proficiency status, as well as 8 eligibility for categorical aid, of pupils resident in a 9 school district who are enrolled in the charter school to 10 the school district in which those pupils reside. The 11 charter school shall report the average daily attendance 12 data, free and reduced price lunch count, special education 13 pupil count, and limited English proficiency pupil count to the state department of elementary and secondary education. 14 15 Each charter school shall promptly notify the state 16 department of elementary and secondary education and the 17 pupil's school district when a pupil discontinues enrollment

- 2. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4 of this 19 20 section, the aid payments for charter schools shall be as described in this subsection.
- 22 (1) A school district having one or more resident pupils attending a charter school shall pay to the charter 23 24 school an annual amount equal to the product of the charter 25 school's weighted average daily attendance and the state 26 adequacy target, multiplied by the dollar value modifier for 27 the district, plus local tax revenues per weighted average 28 daily attendance from the incidental and teachers' funds in 29 excess of the performance levy as defined in section 163.011 30 plus all other state aid attributable to such pupils.
- 31 The district of residence of a pupil attending a 32 charter school shall also pay to the charter school any

other federal or state aid that the district receives on account of such pupil.

- (3) If the department overpays or underpays the amount due to the charter school, such overpayment or underpayment shall be repaid by the charter school or credited to the charter school in twelve equal payments in the next fiscal year.
- (4) The amounts provided pursuant to this subsection shall be prorated for partial year enrollment for a pupil.
- 42 (5) A school district shall pay the amounts due
  43 pursuant to this subsection as the disbursal agent and no
  44 later than twenty days following the receipt of any such
  45 funds. The department of elementary and secondary education
  46 shall pay the amounts due when it acts as the disbursal
  47 agent within five days of the required due date.
  - 3. A workplace charter school shall receive payment for each eligible pupil as provided under subsection 2 of this section, except that if the pupil is not a resident of the district and is participating in a voluntary interdistrict transfer program, the payment for such pupils shall be the same as provided under section 162.1060.
  - 4. A charter school that has declared itself as a local educational agency shall receive from the department of elementary and secondary education an annual amount equal to the product of the charter school's weighted average daily attendance and the state adequacy target, multiplied by the dollar value modifier for the district, plus local tax revenues per weighted average daily attendance from the incidental and teachers funds in excess of the performance levy as defined in section 163.011 plus all other state aid attributable to such pupils. If a charter school declares itself as a local educational agency, the department of

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elementary and secondary education shall, upon notice of the declaration, reduce the payment made to the school district by the amount specified in this subsection and pay directly to the charter school the annual amount reduced from the school district's payment.

- 5. If a school district fails to make timely payments of any amount for which it is the disbursal agent, the state department of elementary and secondary education shall authorize payment to the charter school of the amount due pursuant to subsection 2 of this section and shall deduct the same amount from the next state school aid apportionment to the owing school district. If a charter school is paid more or less than the amounts due pursuant to this section, the amount of overpayment or underpayment shall be adjusted equally in the next twelve payments by the school district or the department of elementary and secondary education, as appropriate. Any dispute between the school district and a charter school as to the amount owing to the charter school shall be resolved by the department of elementary and secondary education, and the department's decision shall be the final administrative action for the purposes of review pursuant to chapter 536. During the period of dispute, the department of elementary and secondary education shall make every administrative and statutory effort to allow the continued education of students in their current charter school setting.
- 6. The charter school and a local school board may agree by contract for services to be provided by the school district to the charter school. The charter school may contract with any other entity for services. Such services may include but are not limited to food service, custodial service, maintenance, management assistance, curriculum

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97 assistance, media services and libraries and shall be
98 subject to negotiation between the charter school and the
99 local school board or other entity. Documented actual costs
100 of such services shall be paid for by the charter school.

- 7. In the case of a proposed charter school that intends to contract with an education service provider for substantial educational services or management services, the request for proposals shall additionally require the charter school applicant to:
- (1) Provide evidence of the education service provider's success in serving student populations similar to the targeted population, including demonstrated academic achievement as well as successful management of nonacademic school functions, if applicable;
- 111 (2) Provide a term sheet setting forth the proposed 112 duration of the service contract; roles and responsibilities 113 of the governing board, the school staff, and the service 114 provider; scope of services and resources to be provided by 115 the service provider; performance evaluation measures and time lines; compensation structure, including clear 116 117 identification of all fees to be paid to the service 118 provider; methods of contract oversight and enforcement; 119 investment disclosure; and conditions for renewal and 120 termination of the contract;
- (3) Disclose any known conflicts of interest between
  the school governing board and proposed service provider or
  any affiliated business entities;
- 124 (4) Disclose and explain any termination or nonrenewal
  125 of contracts for equivalent services for any other charter
  126 school in the United States within the past five years;

- 127 (5) Ensure that the legal counsel for the charter
  128 school shall report directly to the charter school's
  129 governing board; and
- 130 (6) Provide a process to ensure that the expenditures
  131 that the education service provider intends to bill to the
  132 charter school shall receive prior approval of the governing
  133 board or its designee.
- 8. A charter school may enter into contracts with community partnerships and state agencies acting in collaboration with such partnerships that provide services to students and their families linked to the school.
- 9. A charter school shall be eligible for transportation state aid pursuant to section 163.161 and shall be free to contract with the local district, or any other entity, for the provision of transportation to the students of the charter school.
- 143 10. (1) The proportionate share of state and federal 144 resources generated by students with disabilities or staff 145 serving them shall be paid in full to charter schools enrolling those students by their school district where such 146 enrollment is through a contract for services described in 147 148 this section. The proportionate share of money generated 149 under other federal or state categorical aid programs shall 150 be directed to charter schools serving such students 151 eligible for that aid.
- 152 (2) A charter school shall provide the special
  153 services provided pursuant to section 162.705 and may
  154 provide the special services pursuant to a contract with a
  155 school district or any provider of such services.
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  11. A charter school shall not charge tuition or

  157 impose fees that a school district is prohibited from

  158 charging or imposing[, except that a charter school may

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receive tuition payments from districts in the same or an

- adjoining county for nonresident students who transfer to an
- approved charter school, as defined in section 167.895, from
- an unaccredited district].
- 163 12. A charter school is authorized to incur debt in
- 164 anticipation of receipt of funds. A charter school may also
- 165 borrow to finance facilities and other capital items. A
- 166 school district may incur bonded indebtedness or take other
- 167 measures to provide for physical facilities and other
- 168 capital items for charter schools that it sponsors or
- 169 contracts with. Except as otherwise specifically provided
- in sections 160.400 to 160.425, upon the dissolution of a
- 171 charter school, any liabilities of the corporation will be
- 172 satisfied through the procedures of chapter 355. A charter
- 173 school shall satisfy all its financial obligations within
- 174 twelve months of notice from the sponsor of the charter
- 175 school's closure under subsection 8 of section 160.405.
- 176 After satisfaction of all its financial obligations, a
- 177 charter school shall return any remaining state and federal
- 178 funds to the department of elementary and secondary
- 179 education for disposition as stated in subdivision (17) of
- 180 subsection 1 of section 160.405. The department of
- 181 elementary and secondary education may withhold funding at a
- 182 level the department determines to be adequate during a
- 183 school's last year of operation until the department
- 184 determines that school records, liabilities, and reporting
- 185 requirements, including a full audit, are satisfied.
- 186 13. Charter schools shall not have the power to
- 187 acquire property by eminent domain.
- 188 14. The governing board of a charter school is
- 189 authorized to accept grants, gifts or donations of any kind
- 190 and to expend or use such grants, gifts or donations. A

191 grant, gift or donation shall not be accepted by the

192 governing board if it is subject to any condition contrary

- 193 to law applicable to the charter school or other public
- 194 schools, or contrary to the terms of the charter.
- 195 15. In addition to any state aid remitted to charter
- 196 schools under this section, the department of elementary and
- 197 secondary education shall remit to any charter school an
- 198 amount equal to the weighted average daily attendance of the
- 199 charter school multiplied by the difference of:
- 200 (1) The amount of state aid and local aid per weighted
- 201 average daily attendance received by the school district in
- 202 which the charter school is located, not including any funds
- 203 remitted to charter schools in the district. For the
- 204 purposes of this subdivision, the weighted average daily
- 205 attendance of the school district shall not include the
- 206 weighted average daily attendance of the charter schools
- 207 located in the district; and
- 208 (2) The amount of state aid and local aid per weighted
- 209 average daily attendance of the charter school received by
- 210 the charter school.
- 211 16. Charter schools may adjust weighted average daily
- 212 attendance pursuant to section 163.036.
- 213 17. When calculating the amounts in subdivisions (1)
- 214 and (2) of subsection 15 of this section, the department
- 215 shall utilize the most current data to which the department
- 216 has access.
- 217 18. For the purposes of subsection 15 of this section:
- 218 (1) The definitions contained in section 163.011,
- 219 shall apply;
- (2) The term "local aid" shall mean all local and
- 221 county revenue received, including, but not limited to, the
- 222 following:

- 223 (a) Property taxes and delinquent taxes;
- (b) Merchants' and manufacturers' tax revenues;
- 225 (c) Financial institutions' tax revenues;
- 226 (d) City sales tax revenue, including city sales tax
- 227 collected in any city not within a county;
- (e) Payments in lieu of taxes; and
- 229 (f) Revenues from state-assessed railroad and
- 230 utilities tax;
- 231 (3) The term local aid shall not be construed to
- 232 include:
- 233 (a) Charitable contributions, gifts, and grants made
- 234 to school districts;
- 235 (b) Interest earnings of school districts and student
- 236 fees paid to school districts;
- (c) Debt service authorized by a public vote for the
- 238 purpose of making payments on a bond issuance of a school
- 239 district;
- 240 (d) Proposition C revenues received for school
- 241 purposes from the school district trust fund under section
- 242 163.087; or
- 243 (e) Any other funding solely intended for a particular
- 244 school district or their respective employees, schools,
- 245 foundations, or organizations;
- 246 (4) The term "state aid" shall mean any revenues
- 247 received pursuant to this section and sections 163.043 and
- **248** 163.087.
- 249 19. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
- 250 contrary, subsections 15 to 18 of this section shall be
- 251 applicable to charter schools operated only in the following
- 252 school districts, provided that no such school district
- 253 shall be located in a county with more than one hundred

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254 fifty thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand 255 inhabitants:

- 256 (1) In a metropolitan school district;
- 257 (2) In an urban school district containing most or all 258 of a city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants 259 and located in more than one county;
- 260 (3) In a school district that has been classified as unaccredited by the state board of education;
- 262 (4) In a school district that has been classified as 263 provisionally accredited by the state board of education and 264 has received scores on its annual performance report 265 consistent with a classification of provisionally accredited 266 or unaccredited for three consecutive school years beginning 267 with the 2012-13 accreditation year under the conditions 268 described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision (4) of 269 subsection 2 of section 160.400; or
- 270 (5) In a school district that has been accredited 271 without provisions, sponsored only by the local school board 272 under the conditions described in subdivision (6) of 273 subsection 2 of section 160.400.
- 274 20. (1) The members of the governing board of a 275 charter school shall be residents of the state of Missouri.
- 276 (2) Any current member of a governing board of a
  277 charter school who does not meet the requirements in
  278 subdivision (1) of this subsection may complete their term.
  279 Such individual shall not be renominated as a member of the
  280 governing board on which he or she sits.
- 281 21. (1) Any charter school management company
  282 operating a charter school in the state shall be a nonprofit
  283 corporation incorporated pursuant to chapter 355.
- 284 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if a charter school is operated by a charter

- 286 school management company, all laws and regulations that
- 287 apply to employees of such charter school shall apply to the
- 288 actions of any employees of the management company while
- 289 they are conducting any work relating to the direct decision-
- 290 making of the operation of such charter school.
- 291 22. Beginning July 1, 2023, the provisions of section
- 292 160.995 shall be applicable to charter schools.
- 293 23. Each charter school shall publish its annual
- 294 performance report on the school's website in a downloadable
- 295 format.
  - 162.081. 1. Whenever any school district in this
  - 2 state fails or refuses in any school year to provide for the
  - 3 minimum school term required by section 163.021 or is
  - 4 classified unaccredited, the state board of education shall,
  - 5 upon a district's initial classification or reclassification
  - 6 as unaccredited:
  - 7 (1) Review the governance of the district to establish
  - 8 the conditions under which the existing school board shall
  - 9 continue to govern; or
  - 10 (2) Determine the date the district shall lapse and
  - 11 determine an alternative governing structure for the
  - 12 district.
  - 13 2. If at the time any school district in this state
  - 14 shall be classified as unaccredited, the department of
  - 15 elementary and secondary education shall conduct at least
  - 16 two public hearings at a location in the unaccredited school
  - 17 district regarding the accreditation status of the school
  - 18 district. The hearings shall provide an opportunity to
  - 19 convene community resources that may be useful or necessary
  - 20 in supporting the school district as it attempts to return
  - 21 to accredited status, continues under revised governance, or
  - 22 plans for continuity of educational services and resources

23 upon its attachment to a neighboring district. The

- 24 department may request the attendance of stakeholders and
- 25 district officials to review the district's plan to return
- 26 to accredited status, if any; offer technical assistance;
- 27 and facilitate and coordinate community resources. Such
- 28 hearings shall be conducted at least twice annually for
- 29 every year in which the district remains unaccredited or
- 30 provisionally accredited.
- 31 3. Upon classification of a district as unaccredited,
- 32 the state board of education may:
- 33 (1) Allow continued governance by the existing school
- 34 district board of education under terms and conditions
- 35 established by the state board of education; or
- 36 (2) Lapse the corporate organization of all or part of
- 37 the unaccredited district and:
- 38 (a) Appoint a special administrative board for the
- 39 operation of all or part of the district. If a special
- 40 administrative board is appointed for the operation of a
- 41 part of a school district, the state board of education
- 42 shall determine an equitable apportionment of state and
- 43 federal aid for the part of the district and the school
- 44 district shall provide local revenue in proportion to the
- 45 weighted average daily attendance of the part. The number
- 46 of members of the special administrative board shall not be
- 47 less than five, the majority of whom shall be residents of
- 48 the district. The members of the special administrative
- 49 board shall reflect the population characteristics of the
- 50 district and shall collectively possess strong experience in
- 51 school governance, management and finance, and leadership.
- 52 The state board of education may appoint members of the
- district's elected school board to the special
- 54 administrative board, but members of the elected school

55 board shall not comprise more than forty-nine percent of the 56 special administrative board's membership. Within fourteen days after the appointment by the state board of education, 57 58 the special administrative board shall organize by the 59 election of a president, vice president, secretary and a 60 treasurer, with their duties and organization as enumerated 61 in section 162.301. The special administrative board shall 62 appoint a superintendent of schools to serve as the chief 63 executive officer of the school district, or a subset of schools, and to have all powers and duties of any other 64 general superintendent of schools in a seven-director school 65 district. Any special administrative board appointed under 66 67 this section shall be responsible for the operation of the district or part of the district until such time that the 68 69 district is classified by the state board of education as provisionally accredited for at least two successive 70 71 academic years, after which time the state board of 72 education may provide for a transition pursuant to section 73 162.083; or

- 74 (b) Determine an alternative governing structure for 75 the district including, at a minimum:
- a. A rationale for the decision to use an alternative form of governance and in the absence of the district's achievement of full accreditation, the state board of education shall review and recertify the alternative form of governance every three years;
- b. A method for the residents of the district to
  provide public comment after a stated period of time or upon
  achievement of specified academic objectives;
- c. Expectations for progress on academic achievement,
  which shall include an anticipated time line for the
  district to reach full accreditation; and

d. Annual reports to the general assembly and the governor on the progress towards accreditation of any district that has been declared unaccredited and is placed under an alternative form of governance, including a review of the effectiveness of the alternative governance; or

- (c) Attach the territory of the lapsed district to another district or districts for school purposes; or
- (d) Establish one or more school districts within the territory of the lapsed district, with a governance structure specified by the state board of education, with the option of permitting a district to remain intact for the purposes of assessing, collecting, and distributing property taxes, to be distributed equitably on a weighted average daily attendance basis, but to be divided for operational purposes, which shall take effect sixty days after the adjournment of the regular session of the general assembly next following the state board's decision unless a statute or concurrent resolution is enacted to nullify the state board's decision prior to such effective date.
- 4. If a district remains under continued governance by the school board under subdivision (1) of subsection 3 of this section and either has been unaccredited for three consecutive school years and failed to attain accredited status after the third school year or has been unaccredited for two consecutive school years and the state board of education determines its academic progress is not consistent with attaining accredited status after the third school year, then the state board of education shall proceed under subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section in the following school year.
- 5. A special administrative board or any other form of governance appointed under this section shall retain the

119 authority granted to a board of education for the operation 120 of the lapsed school district under the laws of the state in effect at the time of the lapse and may enter into contracts 121 122 with accredited school districts or other education service 123 providers in order to deliver high-quality educational 124 programs to the residents of the district. If a student 125 graduates while attending a school building in the district 126 that is operated under a contract with an accredited school 127 district as specified under this subsection, the student 128 shall receive his or her diploma from the accredited school 129 district. The authority of the special administrative board 130 or any other form of governance appointed under this section 131 shall expire at the end of the third full school year 132 following its appointment, unless extended by the state 133 board of education. If the lapsed district is reassigned, 134 the governing board prior to lapse shall provide an 135 accounting of all funds, assets and liabilities of the 136 lapsed district and transfer such funds, assets, and 137 liabilities of the lapsed district as determined by the state board of education. Neither the special 138 139 administrative board nor any other form of governance appointed under this section nor its members or employees 140 141 shall be deemed to be the state or a state agency for any 142 purpose, including section 105.711, et seq. The state of 143 Missouri, its agencies and employees shall be absolutely 144 immune from liability for any and all acts or omissions 145 relating to or in any way involving the lapsed district, a 146 special administrative board, any other form of governance 147 appointed under this section, or the members or employees of 148 the lapsed district, a special administrative board, or any 149 other form of governance appointed under this section. Such 150 immunities, and immunity doctrines as exist or may hereafter

151 exist benefitting boards of education, their members and

- 152 their employees shall be available to the special
- 153 administrative board or any other form of governance
- 154 appointed under this section and the members and employees
- 155 of the special administrative board or any other form of
- 156 governance appointed under this section.
- 157 6. Neither the special administrative board nor any
- 158 other form of governance appointed under this section nor
- 159 any district or other entity assigned territory, assets or
- 160 funds from a lapsed district shall be considered a successor
- 161 entity for the purpose of employment contracts, unemployment
- 162 compensation payment pursuant to section 288.110, or any
- 163 other purpose.
- 7. If additional teachers are needed by a district as
- 165 a result of increased enrollment due to the annexation of
- 166 territory of a lapsed or dissolved district, such district
- 167 shall grant an employment interview to any permanent teacher
- 168 of the lapsed or dissolved district upon the request of such
- 169 permanent teacher.
- 170 8. In the event that a school district with an
- 171 enrollment in excess of five thousand pupils lapses, no
- 172 school district shall have all or any part of such lapsed
- 173 school district attached without the approval of the board
- 174 of the receiving school district.
- 175 9. If the state board of education reasonably believes
- 176 that a school district is unlikely to provide for the
- 177 minimum school term required by section 163.021 because of
- 178 financial difficulty, the state board of education may,
- 179 prior to the start of the school term:
- 180 (1) Allow continued governance by the existing
- 181 district school board under terms and conditions established
- 182 by the state board of education; or

- (2) Lapse the corporate organization of the districtand implement one of the options available under subdivision(2) of subsection 3 of this section.
- 10. The provisions of subsection 9 of this section

  187 shall not apply to any district solely on the basis of

  188 financial difficulty resulting from paying [tuition] costs

  189 associated with the provision of special education and

  190 related services and providing transportation for transfer

  191 students under sections 167.895 and 167.898.

167.151. 1. The school board of any district:

- 2 (1) In its discretion, may admit to the school pupils3 not entitled to free instruction; and
- 4 (2) Shall prescribe the tuition fee to be paid by 5 them, except as provided in:
  - (a) Subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section;
- 7 (b) Subsection 6 of this section; and

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- 8 (c) Sections 167.121, 167.131, [167.132,] 167.895, and 9 168.151.
- 2. Orphan children, children with only one parent
  living, and children whose parents do not contribute to
  their support if the children are between the ages of six
  and twenty years and are unable to pay tuition may attend
  the schools of any district in the state in which they have
  a permanent or temporary home without paying a tuition fee.
- 3. (1) For all school years ending on or before June
  30, 2023, any individual who pays a school tax in any other
  district than that in which such individual resides may send
  such individual's children to any public school in the
  district in which the tax is paid and receive as a credit on
  the amount charged for tuition the amount of the school tax
  paid to the district; except that any individual who owns

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24 agricultural purposes and upon which such individual's 25 residence is situated may send such individual's children to 26 public school in any school district in which a part of such 27 real estate, contiguous to that upon which such individual's 28 residence is situated, lies and shall not be charged tuition 29 therefor; so long as thirty-five percent of the real estate 30 is located in the school district of choice. 31 district of choice shall count the children in its average 32 daily attendance for the purpose of distribution of state 33 aid through the foundation formula. 34

(2) For all school years beginning on or after July 1, 2023, any current owner of residential real property or agricultural real property or a named beneficiary of a trust that currently owns residential real property or agricultural real property and that pays a school tax in a district or districts other than the district in which such current owner or current beneficiary resides may send up to four of such owner's or beneficiary's children to a public school, excluding a charter school, in any district in which such owner or trust pays such school tax. For purposes of this subdivision, "residential real property" shall not include any multifamily residential property which exceeds four units. An owner or a named beneficiary of a trust that currently owns residential real property shall not be permitted under this subdivision to send their child to a district outside of the county in which they currently reside. Such owner or beneficiary shall send thirty days' written notice to all school districts involved specifying which school district each child will attend. Such owner or beneficiary shall also present proof of the owner's or trust's annual payment of at least two thousand dollars of school taxes levied on the real property specified in this

56 subdivision within such school district and ownership of the 57 specified real property for not less than the immediately preceding four consecutive years. Neither the resident nor 58 59 nonresident districts shall be responsible for providing 60 transportation services under this subdivision. The school 61 district attended shall count a child attending under this 62 subdivision in its average daily attendance for the purpose 63 of distribution of state aid under chapter 163, except that 64 such nonresident students shall not be counted in the 65 district's average daily attendance for the purposes of determining eligibility for aid payments under section 66 67 163.044.

- 68 4. For any school year ending on or before June 30, 2023, any owner of agricultural land who, pursuant to 69 70 subsection 3 of this section, has the option of sending such 71 individual's children to the public schools of more than one 72 district shall exercise such option as provided in this 73 subsection. Such person shall send written notice to all 74 school districts involved specifying to which school district such children will attend by June thirtieth in 75 76 which such a school year begins. If notification is not 77 received, such children shall attend the school in which the 78 majority of such individual's property lies. Such person 79 shall not send any of such individual's children to the 80 public schools of any district other than the one to which 81 such individual has sent notice pursuant to this subsection 82 in that school year or in which the majority of such 83 individual's property lies without paying tuition to such 84 school district.
- 5. If a pupil is attending school in a district other than the district of residence and the pupil's parent is teaching in the school district or is a regular employee of

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88 the school district which the pupil is attending, then the 89 district in which the pupil attends school shall allow the 90 pupil to attend school upon payment of tuition in the same 91 manner in which the district allows other pupils not 92 entitled to free instruction to attend school in the 93 district. The provisions of this subsection shall apply 94 only to pupils attending school in a district which has an 95 enrollment in excess of thirteen thousand pupils and not in 96 excess of fifteen thousand pupils and which district is 97 located in a county with a charter form of government which 98 has a population in excess of six hundred thousand persons 99 and not in excess of nine hundred thousand persons.

- 100 6. (1) As used in this subsection, the following 101 terms mean:
- 102 "Contractor", an individual who devotes at least 103 twenty paid hours per week fulfilling employment 104 requirements or providing services to or for the benefit of 105 a school district or charter school, or public school 106 employer in such district or charter school in any job title 107 or position that is covered for an employee with such job 108 title or in such position by a retirement system created under chapter 169 under a contract between such individual 109 110 or such individual's employer and such school district, 111 charter school, or public school;
  - (b) "Regular employee", an individual who devotes at least twenty paid hours per week fulfilling employment requirements or providing services to or for the benefit of a school district, public school in such district, or charter school in any position that is covered by a retirement system created under chapter 169.
- 118 (2) (a) For the 2025-26 school year and all

  119 subsequent school years, a school district or charter school

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120 may, if approved by a majority vote of the members of the 121 school board of the school district or governing board of 122 the charter school, adopt a policy to admit a child whose 123 parent is a contractor or regular employee of a school 124 district other than the child's school district of 125 residence, a public school in such district, or a charter 126 school, and, if such a policy is adopted, such child may 127 attend school in such nonresident school district or charter 128 school.

- (b) Such nonresident school district or charter school shall allow the child to attend school in the same manner in which the district or charter school allows other pupils who are entitled to free instruction to attend school in the district and without paying a tuition fee.
- 134 (c) Such child shall be considered a resident pupil of such nonresident district or charter school under the 135 136 definition of average daily attendance in section 163.011, 137 except that for a student attending a nonresident charter 138 school, the charter school shall receive a state aid payment in an amount determined by multiplying the charter school's 139 weighted average daily attendance of such transferring 140 141 student enrolled in the charter school by the state adequacy 142 target and multiplying this product by the dollar-value 143 modifier for the district in which the charter school is 144 located, and the provisions of section 160.415 shall not 145 apply to any nonresident student attending a charter 146 school. For purposes of this paragraph, the terms "dollarvalue modifier", "state adequacy target", and "weighted 147 148 average daily attendance" shall have the same meaning as such terms are defined in section 163.011. 149
- 150 (d) If such child wishes to attend a school within the nonresident district or charter school that is a magnet

- 152 school, an academically selective school, or a school with a
- 153 competitive entrance process that has admissions
- 154 requirements, the child's parent shall furnish proof that
- 155 the child meets the admissions requirements for such school
- in order to attend.
- 157 (3) The school district, charter school, or public
- 158 school may require:
- 159 (a) A contractor to provide documentation showing that
- 160 such contractor meets the requirements of this subsection;
- **161** and
- 162 (b) A contractor or regular employee to have worked a
- 163 minimum number of days, not to exceed sixty, for such
- 164 contractor's or regular employee's child to be eligible to
- 165 attend school in such nonresident school district or charter
- 166 school under this subsection.
- 167 (4) Neither the resident district or charter school
- 168 nor the nonresident district or charter school shall be
- 169 responsible for providing transportation services under this
- 170 subsection.
- 171 (5) If the parent of a nonresident child attending
- 172 school under this subsection ceases to be a contractor or
- 173 regular employee of a school district or charter school, the
- 174 child may complete the school year as provided under the
- 175 provisions of this subsection.
  - 167.241. 1. Except as otherwise provided under this
  - 2 section, transportation for pupils whose tuition the
  - 3 district of residence is required to pay by section 167.131
  - 4 or who are assigned as provided in section 167.121 shall be
  - 5 provided by the district of residence.
  - 6 2. In the case of pupils covered by section 167.131,
  - 7 the district of residence shall be required to provide
  - 8 transportation only to school districts accredited by the

9 state board of education pursuant to the authority of the 10 state board of education to classify schools as established 11 in section 161.092, and those school districts designated by 12 the board of education of the district of residence.

- 3. [(1) For purposes of this subsection, "approved charter school" has the same meaning given to the term under section 167.895.
- 16 For pupils [covered by] transferring to another school district or charter school pursuant to the provisions 17 of section 167.895, the district of residence shall be 18 19 required to provide transportation only to school districts 20 or [approved] charter schools designated by the department 21 of elementary and secondary education or its designee. For 22 such pupils [covered by section 167.895], the department of 23 elementary and secondary education or its designee shall designate at least one [accredited] school district or 24 25 [approved] charter school to which the district of residence 26 shall provide transportation. If the designated district or 27 charter school reaches full student capacity and is unable to receive additional students, the department of elementary 28 29 and secondary education or its designee shall designate at least one additional [accredited] school district or 30 [approved] charter school to which the district of residence 31 32 shall provide transportation.
  - 167.895. 1. For purposes of this section and section 167.898, the following terms mean:
  - (1) ["Approved charter school", a charter school that
    has existed for less than three years or a charter school
    with a three-year average score consistent with a
- 6 classification of accredited without provisions on its

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7 annual performance report] "Charter school", an independent

public school established pursuant to the provisions of
sections 160.400 to 160.425;

- 10 (2) ["Attendance center", a public school building,
  11 public school buildings, or part of a public school building
  12 that offers education in a grade or grades not higher than
  13 the twelfth grade and that constitutes one unit for
  14 accountability and reporting purposes for the department of
  15 elementary and secondary education;
  - (3) "Available receiving district", a school district able to receive transfer students under this section;
  - (4)] "Receiving district", a school district receiving transfer students under this section;
  - [(5)] (3) "Sending district", a school district from which students are transferring to a receiving district or [approved] charter school, as allowed under this section.
  - 2. (1) Any student may transfer to another public school [in the student's district of residence if such student is enrolled in and has attended, for the full semester immediately prior to requesting the transfer, an attendance center:
- (a) That is located within an unaccredited district;and
  - (b) That has an annual performance report score consistent with a classification of unaccredited] pursuant to the provisions of this section beginning in the 2027-28 school year and in all subsequent school years. However, no such transfer shall result in a class size and assigned enrollment in a receiving school that exceeds the standards for class size and assigned enrollment as promulgated in the Missouri school improvement program's resource standards. If the student chooses to attend a magnet school, an

academically selective school, or a school with a

competitive entrance process within his or her district of residence that has admissions requirements, the student shall meet the admissions requirements in order to attend.

- district shall determine the capacity at each [of the district's attendance centers that has an annual performance report score consistent with a classification of accredited] grade level and each school, and shall accept all transfer students who apply and are assigned to the school district as provided in section 167.898 so long as there is capacity in the requested grade level and school. The district's school board shall be responsible for coordinating transfers within the district as allowed under this subsection, and school board policies governing transfers shall not discriminate against any student on the basis of his or her residential address, academic performance, athletic ability, disability, race, ethnicity, sex, or free and reduced price lunch status.
- The school board of each [unaccredited] school district shall [annually] report to the department of elementary and secondary education or its designee the number of available slots in [attendance centers within the district that have annual performance report scores consistent with a classification of accredited] each grade level and each school, the number of students who request to transfer within the district, and the number of such transfer requests that are granted and denied by July 15, 2027, and by the first day of each month thereafter. The department of elementary and secondary education shall publish and update the capacity of each district's grade levels and schools on its website.

71	3. [(1) Any student who is eligible to transfer
72	within his or her district under subsection 2 of this
73	section but who is unable to do so due to a lack of capacity
74	in the attendance centers in his or her district of
75	residence may apply to the department of elementary and
76	secondary education or its designee to transfer to:
77	(a) An attendance center:
78	a. That is located within an accredited district that
79	is located in the same or an adjoining county; and
80	b. That has an annual performance report score
81	consistent with a classification of accredited; or
82	(b) An approved charter school located in another
83	district in the same or an adjoining county.
84	(2) A student who is eligible to begin kindergarten or
85	first grade at an attendance center:
86	(a) That is located within an unaccredited district;
87	(b) That has an annual performance report score
88	consistent with a classification of unaccredited; and
89	(c) That offers classes above the second grade level
90	may apply to the department of elementary and secondary
91	education or its designee for a transfer to a school
92	described under paragraph (a) or (b) of subdivision (1) of
93	this subsection if he or she resides in the attendance area
94	of the attendance center described under this subdivision on
95	March first preceding the school year of first attendance.
96	A student who does not apply by March first for enrollment
97	in any school year after the 2019-20 school year shall be
98	required to enroll and attend the attendance center
99	described under this subdivision for one semester to become
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101 (3)] If a student who is eligible to transfer under
102 this [subsection] section chooses to apply to attend a
103 magnet school, an academically selective school, or a school
104 with a competitive entrance process that has admissions
105 requirements, the student shall furnish proof that he or she
106 meets the admissions requirements.

- [(4) Any student who does not maintain residency in the attendance area of his or her attendance center in the district of residence shall lose eligibility to transfer.
- (5) Except as provided under subsection 7 of thissection, any student who transfers but later withdraws shalllose eligibility to transfer.
- 113 (6) The transfer provisions of this subsection shall
  114 not apply to a district created under sections 162.815 to
  115 162.840 or to any early childhood programs or early
  116 childhood special education programs.
- 4. (1) No student enrolled in and attending an attendance center that does not offer classes above the second grade level shall be eligible to transfer under this section.
- 121 (2) No student who is eligible to begin kindergarten
  122 or first grade at an attendance center that does not offer
  123 classes above the second grade level shall be eligible to
  124 transfer under this section.
- 5. (1) (a) No provisionally accredited district shall be eligible to receive transfer students.
- (b) Except as provided under paragraph (c) of this subdivision, no attendance center that has an annual performance report score consistent with a classification of provisionally accredited shall be eligible to receive

132	(c) A transfer student who chooses to attend an
133	attendance center that has an annual performance report
134	score consistent with a classification of provisionally
135	accredited and that is located within his or her
136	unaccredited district of residence shall be allowed to
137	transfer to such attendance center if there is an available
138	slot.
139	(2) (a) No unaccredited district shall be eligible to
140	receive transfer students.
141	(b) No attendance center that has an annual
142	performance report score consistent with a classification of
143	unaccredited shall be eligible to receive transfer students.
144	(3) No district or attendance center that has received
145	two consecutive annual performance reports consistent with a
146	classification of provisionally accredited for the years
147	immediately preceding the year in which it seeks to enroll
148	transfer students shall be eligible to receive any transfer
149	students, irrespective of its state board of education
150	classification designation; except that, any student who was
151	granted a transfer to such a district or attendance center
152	prior to August 28, 2019 may remain enrolled in that
153	district or attendance center.
154	6. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 5 of
155	this section, a student may transfer to an attendance center:
156	(1) That is located within an unaccredited or
157	provisionally accredited district; and
158	(2) That has an annual performance report score
159	consistent with a classification of accredited
160	if the attendance center applies for and is granted a waiver
161	by the department of elementary and secondary education or

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its designee to allow the attendance center to accept
transfer students.

- 7. If a receiving district becomes unaccredited or provisionally accredited, or if an approved charter school loses its status as an approved charter school, any students who previously transferred to the district or charter school shall receive the opportunity to remain enrolled in the district or charter school or to transfer to another district or approved charter school without losing their eligibility to transfer.
- 8. For a receiving district, no acceptance of a transfer student shall require any of the following actions, unless the board of education of the receiving district has approved the action:
  - (1) The hiring of additional classroom teachers;
- 177 (2) The construction of additional classrooms; or
- 178 (3) A class size and assigned enrollment in a

  179 receiving school that exceeds the standards for class size

  180 and assigned enrollment as promulgated in the Missouri

  181 school improvement program's resource standards.
- 9. (1) By July 15, 2019, the board of education of
  each available receiving district and the governing board of
  each approved charter school eligible to receive transfer
  students under this section shall set the number of transfer
  students the district or charter school is able to receive
  for the 2019-20 school year.
- 188 (2) By February first annually, the board of education
  189 of each available receiving district and the governing board
  190 of each approved charter school eligible to receive transfer
  191 students under this section shall set the number of transfer
  192 students the district or charter school is able to receive
  193 for the following school year.

- (3) An available receiving district or approved
  charter school eligible to receive transfer students under
  this section shall publish the number set under this
  subsection and shall not be required to accept any transfer
  students under this section that would cause it to exceed
  the published number.
- 200 10. (1) Each available receiving district shall adopt
  201 a policy establishing a tuition rate for transfer students
  202 by February first annually.
- (2) Each approved charter school eligible to receive transfer students under this section shall adopt a policy establishing a tuition rate for transfer students by February first annually.
- 207 (3) A sending district shall pay the receiving
  208 district or the approved charter school the amount specified
  209 under section 167.132 for each transfer student.]
- 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 163 or
  federal calculations of military impact aid to the contrary,
  for the purposes of determining state and federal aid, a
  transfer student shall be counted as a resident of the
  receiving district in which the student is enrolled.
  Tuition shall not be charged to any student or to his or her
  parent or legal guardian.
- 217 [11.] 5. A student whose transfer application has been 218 denied by a receiving district shall have the right to 219 appeal the decision of the receiving district to the 220 department of elementary and secondary education. The 221 appeal shall be taken within fifteen days after the decision 222 of the [department] receiving district and may be taken by 223 filing notice of appeal with the department. Such appeal 224 shall be heard as provided in chapter 536.

225 [12. If an unaccredited district becomes classified as 226 provisionally accredited or accredited without provisions by 227 the state board of education, or if an attendance center 228 within an unaccredited district improves its annual 229 performance report score from a score that is consistent 230 with a classification of unaccredited to a score that is 231 consistent with a classification of provisionally accredited 232 or accredited, any resident student of the unaccredited 233 district who has transferred to an approved charter school 234 or to an accredited district in the same or an adjoining 235 county, as allowed under subsection 3 of this section, shall 236 be permitted to continue his or her educational program in 237 the receiving district or charter school through the 238 completion of middle school, junior high school, or high 239 school, whichever occurs first; except that, a student who 240 attends any school serving students through high school 241 graduation but starting at grades lower than ninth grade 242 shall be permitted to complete high school in the school to 243 which he or she has transferred. 13.] 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 244 [10] 4 of this section, if [costs associated with the 245 provision of special education and related services to a 246 247 student with a disability exceed the tuition amount 248 established under this section, the unaccredited district 249 shall remain responsible for paying the excess cost to the 250 receiving district. If] the receiving district is a 251 component district of a special school district, the 252 [unaccredited] sending district, including any metropolitan 253 school district, shall contract with the special school 254 district for the entirety of the costs to provide special 255 education and related services, excluding transportation in 256 accordance with this section. The special school district

257 may contract with [an unaccredited] a sending district,
258 including any metropolitan district, for the provision of
259 transportation of a student with a disability or the
260 [unaccredited] sending district may provide transportation
261 on its own.

[14.] 7. A special school district shall continue to provide special education and related services, with the exception of transportation under this section, to a student with a disability transferring [from an attendance center with an annual performance report score consistent with a classification of unaccredited that is within a component district to an attendance center with an annual performance report score consistent with a classification of accredited that is within the same or a different component district] to another school within the special school district.

[15.] 8. If [any] the sending district is a metropolitan school district [is classified as unaccredited], it shall remain responsible for the provision of special education and related services, including transportation, to students with disabilities. A special school district in an adjoining county to a metropolitan school district may contract with the metropolitan school district for the reimbursement of special education services under sections 162.705 and 162.710 provided by the special school district for transfer students who are residents of the [unaccredited] sending district.

[16.] 9. Regardless of whether transportation is identified as a related service within a student's individualized education program, a receiving district that is not part of a special school district shall not be responsible for providing transportation to a student transferring under this section. [An unaccredited] A

289 sending district may contract with a receiving district that
290 is not part of a special school district under sections
291 162.705 and 162.710 for transportation of students with
292 disabilities.

[17.] 10. If the sending district is a seven-director school district or urban school district [is classified as unaccredited], it may contract with a receiving district that is not part of a special school district in the same or an adjoining county for the reimbursement of special education and related services under sections 162.705 and 162.710 provided by the receiving district for transfer students who are residents of the [unaccredited] sending district.

[January first annually] the first day of each month
thereafter, each [accredited] school district[, any portion
of which is located in the same county as or in an adjoining
county to an unaccredited district,] shall report to the
department of elementary and secondary education or its
designee the number of available enrollment slots by grade
level and school.

(2) [By July 15, 2019, and by January first annually, each unaccredited district shall report to the department of elementary and secondary education or its designee the number of available enrollment slots in the schools of its district that have received annual performance report scores consistent with a classification of accredited.

(3)] By July 15, [2019] 2027, and by [January first annually] the first day of each month thereafter, each [approved] charter school [that is eligible to receive transfer students under section 167.895] shall report to the department of elementary and secondary education or its

20 designee the number of available enrollment slots by grade
21 level.

- 2. The department of elementary and secondary education or its designee shall make information and assistance available to parents or guardians who intend to transfer their child to [an accredited] a receiving district or [to an approved] charter school as described under section 167.895.
- 3. The parent or guardian of a student who intends to transfer his or her child to [an accredited] a receiving district or [to an approved] charter school as described under section 167.895 for enrollment in that district or charter school in any school year after the [2019-20] 2026-27 school year shall send initial notification to the department of elementary and secondary education or its designee by [March first for enrollment in the subsequent school year] August 1, 2027, and by the first day of each month thereafter, for enrollment in any subsequent month.
- The department of elementary and secondary education or its designee shall assign those students who seek to transfer to [an accredited] a receiving district or [to an approved] charter school as described under section 167.895. When assigning transfer students to [approved] charter schools, the department of elementary and secondary education or its designee shall coordinate with each [approved] charter school and its admissions process if capacity is insufficient to enroll all students who submit a timely application. [An approved] A charter school shall not be required to institute a lottery procedure for determining the admission of resident students. The department of elementary and secondary education or its designee shall give first priority to students who live in

52 the same household with any family member within the first

- or second degree of consanguinity or affinity who already
- 54 attends a school with an annual performance report score
- 55 consistent with a classification of accredited and who apply
- 56 to attend the same school. If insufficient grade-
- 57 appropriate enrollment slots are available for a student to
- 58 be able to transfer, the student shall receive first
- 59 priority the following [school year] month. The department
- 60 of elementary and secondary education or its designee shall
- 61 consider the following factors in assigning school districts
- 62 and charter schools:
- 63 (1) The student's or parent's choice of the receiving
- 64 school district or charter school;
- 65 (2) The best interests of the student;
- 66 (3) The availability of transportation funding, as
- 67 provided under section 167.241; and
- 68 (4) Distance and travel time to a receiving school.
- 69 The department of elementary and secondary education or its
- 70 designee shall not consider student academic performance,
- 71 free and reduced price lunch status, or athletic ability in
- 72 assigning a student to a school. The parent or guardian may
- 73 make an application for a specific building assignment
- 74 within the district or [approved] charter school. Final
- 75 building assignment shall be determined by the receiving
- 76 school district or [approved] charter school.
- 77 5. (1) The department of elementary and secondary
- 78 education or its designee may deny a transfer to a student
- 79 who in the most recent school year has been suspended from
- 80 school two or more times or who has been suspended for an
- 81 act of school violence under subsection 2 of section
- 82 160.261. A student whose transfer is initially precluded

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under this subsection may be permitted to transfer on a 83 84 provisional basis as a probationary transfer student, 85 subject to no further disruptive behavior, upon a statement from the student's current school that the student is not 86 87 disruptive. A student who is denied a transfer under this 88 subsection has the right to an in-person meeting with an 89 employee of the department of elementary and secondary 90 education or its designee.

(2) The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate rules to provide common standards for determining disruptive behavior that shall include, but not be limited to, criteria under section 160.261. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2019, shall be invalid and void.

[167.132. 1. For purposes of this 2 section, the following terms mean: 3 (1) "Receiving approved charter school", an approved charter school, as defined under 4 5 section 167.895, receiving transfer students 6 under section 167.895; 7 (2) "Receiving district", a school 8 district receiving transfer students under 9 section 167.895; 10 "Sending district", a school district 11

from which students are transferring to a

12	receiving district or approved charter school,
13	as allowed under section 167.895;
14	(4) "State adequacy target", the same
15	meaning given to the term under section 163.011.
16	2. Notwithstanding any other provision of
17	law, the tuition rate paid by a sending district
18	to the receiving district or the receiving
19	approved charter school for transfer students
20	shall be the lesser of:
21	(1) The tuition rate set by the receiving
22	district or the receiving approved charter
23	school under the policy adopted in accordance
24	with section 167.895; or
25	(2) The state adequacy target plus the
26	average sum produced per child by the local tax
27	effort above the state adequacy target of the
28	sending district.]

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