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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 163.023, RSMo 1994, relating to accreditation of school districts, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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

Section A. Section 163.023, RSMo 1994, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 163.023, to read as follows:

163.023. 1. Commencing September 1, 1997, a school district that has an operating levy for school purposes as defined in section 163.011, of less than the minimum value required by section 163.021, shall be classified as unaccredited by the state board of education and shall be deemed to be an unclassified school district for all purposes under force of law, pursuant to the authority of the state board of education to classify school districts pursuant to section 161.092, RSMo, except that no school district shall be classified as unaccredited or deemed to be an unclassified school district pursuant to this section and section 160.538, RSMo, if such district is ineligible to receive state aid under section 163.031, exclusive of categorical add-ons, because the district deductions under subsection 2 of section 163.031, equal or exceed the district entitlement under subsection 1 of section 163.031 or the district is receiving the minimum amount of state aid pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of section 163.031 and would receive that amount with a tax rate equal to the minimum value required by section **163.021**. No school district, except a district which is ineligible to receive state aid under section 163.031, exclusive of categorical add-ons, because the district's deductions under subsection 2 of section 163.031, equal or exceed the district entitlement under subsection 1 of section 163.031 or the district is receiving the minimum amount of state aid pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of section 163.031 and would receive that amount with a tax rate equal to the minimum value required by section 163.021, may be classified or reclassified as

accredited until such district has an operating levy for school purposes which is equal to or greater than the minimum value required by section 163.021. Beginning July 1, 1998, the state board of education shall consider the results for a school district from the statewide assessment system developed pursuant to the provisions of section 160.518, RSMo, when classifying a school district as authorized by subdivision (9) of section 161.092, RSMo. Further, the state board of education shall consider the condition and adequacy of facilities of a school district when determining such classification.

2. For any school district classified unaccredited for any school year, the state board of education shall conduct procedures to classify said school district for the first school year following.

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