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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

## AN ACT

To repeal section 167.126, RSMo Supp. 1998, relating to placement of children, 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Section A. Section 167.126, RSMo Supp. 1998, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 167.126, to read as follows:

167.126. 1. Children who are admitted to programs or facilities of the department of mental health or whose domicile is one school district in Missouri but who reside in another school district in Missouri as a result of placement arranged by or approved by the department of mental health, the department of social services or placement arranged by or ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction shall have a right to be provided the educational services as provided by law and shall not be denied admission to any appropriate regular public school or special school district program or program operated by the state board of education, as the case may be, where the child actually resides because of such admission or placement; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall prevent the department of mental health, the department of social services or a court of competent jurisdiction from otherwise providing or procuring educational services for such child.

2. Each school district or special school district constituting the domicile of any child for whom educational services are provided or procured under this section shall pay toward the per pupil costs for educational services for such child. A school district which is not a special school district shall pay an amount equal to the average sum produced per child by the local tax effort of the district of domicile. A special school district shall pay an amount not to exceed the average

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

sum produced per child by the local tax efforts of the domiciliary districts.

3. When educational services have been provided by the school district or special school district in which a child actually resides, other than the district of domicile, the amounts as provided in subsection 2 for which the domiciliary school district or special school district is responsible shall be paid by such district directly to the serving district. The school district, or special school district, as the case may be, shall send a written voucher for payment to the regular or special district constituting the domicile of the child served and the domiciliary school district or special school district receiving such voucher shall pay the district providing or procuring the services an amount not to exceed the average sum produced per child by the local tax efforts of the domiciliary districts. In the event the responsible district fails to pay the appropriate amount to the district within ninety days after a voucher is submitted, the state department of elementary and secondary education shall deduct the appropriate amount due from the next payments of any state financial aid due that district and shall pay the same to the appropriate district.

4. In cases where a child whose domicile is in one district is placed in programs or facilities operated by the department of mental health or resides in another district pursuant to assignment by that department or is placed by the department of social services or a court of competent jurisdiction into any type of publicly contracted residential site in Missouri, the department of elementary and secondary education shall, as soon as funds are appropriated, pay the serving district from funds appropriated for that purpose the amount by which the per pupil costs of the educational services exceeds the amounts received from the domiciliary district except that any other state money received by the serving district by virtue of rendering such service shall reduce the balance due.

5. Institutions providing a place of residence for [three or more] children whose parents or guardians do not reside in the district in which the institution is located shall have [no] authority to enroll such children in a program in the district or special district in which the institution is located unless [the institution contracts for such services and pays the actual per pupil cost for such services or unless such children are assigned pursuant to subsection 1 of this section] **the placement occurred for the sole purpose of enrollment in the district or special district.**

6. Children residing in institutions providing a place of residence for three or more such children whose domicile is not in the state of Missouri may be admitted to schools or programs provided on a contractual basis between the school district, special district or state department or agency and the proper department or agency, or persons in the state where domicile is maintained. Such contracts shall not be permitted to place any financial burden whatsoever upon the state of Missouri, its political subdivisions, school districts or taxpayers.

7. For purposes of this section the domicile of the child shall be the school district where the child would have been educated if the child had not been placed in a different school district

[by the department of mental health, the department of social services or the court]. No provision of this section shall be construed to deny any child domiciled in Missouri appropriate and necessary, gratuitous public services.

8. For the purpose of distributing state aid under section 163.031, RSMo, a child receiving educational services provided by the district in which the child actually resides, other than the district of domicile, shall be included as an "eligible pupil", as defined under section 163.011, RSMo, of the district providing the educational services for the child.

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