

SENATE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 1383  
AN ACT

To repeal section 178.530, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to agricultural education.

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

Section A. Section 178.530, RSMo, is repealed and one new  
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 178.530,  
3 to read as follows:

178.530. 1. The state board of education shall  
2 establish standards and annually inspect, as a basis for  
3 approval, all public prevocational, vocational schools,  
4 State Technical College of Missouri, departments and classes  
5 receiving state or federal moneys for giving training in  
6 agriculture, industrial, home economics and commercial  
7 subjects and all schools, departments and classes receiving  
8 state or federal moneys for the preparation of teachers and  
9 supervisors of such subjects. The public prevocational and  
10 vocational schools, State Technical College of Missouri,  
11 departments, and classes, and the training schools,  
12 departments and classes are entitled to the state or federal  
13 moneys so long as they are approved by the state board of  
14 education, as to site, plant, equipment, qualifications of  
15 teachers, admission of pupils, courses of study and methods  
16 of instruction. All disbursements of state or federal  
17 moneys for the benefit of the approved prevocational and  
18 vocational schools, State Technical College of Missouri,  
19 departments and classes shall be made semiannually. The

20 school board of each approved school or the governing body  
21 of State Technical College of Missouri shall file a report  
22 with the state board of education at the times and in the  
23 form that the state board requires. Upon receipt of a  
24 satisfactory report, the state board of education shall  
25 certify to the commissioner of administration for [his] the  
26 commissioner's approval the amount of the state and federal  
27 moneys due the school district or State Technical College of  
28 Missouri. The amount due the school district shall be  
29 certified by the commissioner of administration and proper  
30 warrant therefor shall be issued to the district treasurer  
31 or State Technical College of Missouri.

32 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of  
33 this section, the state board of education shall establish  
34 standards for agricultural education that may be adopted by  
35 a private school accredited by an agency recognized by the  
36 United States Department of Education as an accreditor of  
37 private schools that wishes to provide quality vocational  
38 programming outside the requirements of, but consistent  
39 with, the federal Vocational Education Act. Such standards  
40 shall be sufficient to qualify a private school to apply to  
41 the state chapter for approval of a local chapter of a  
42 federally chartered national agricultural education  
43 association on a form developed for that purpose by the  
44 department of elementary and secondary education without  
45 eligibility to receive state or federal funding for  
46 agricultural vocational education. The provisions of this  
47 subsection shall not be construed to create eligibility for  
48 a private school to receive state or federal funding for  
49 agricultural vocational education, but shall not prohibit a  
50 private school from receiving state or federal funds for  
51 which such private school would otherwise be eligible for  
52 agricultural vocational education. Any such private school

53 shall reimburse the department annually for the cost of  
54 oversight and maintenance of the program.

55 3. (1) The department of elementary and secondary  
56 education, through its agricultural education section, shall  
57 be authorized to establish a [pilot] program, beginning in  
58 the [2020-21] 2027-28 school year, to provide for  
59 agricultural education in elementary schools in the state.  
60 [The purpose of the pilot program shall be to determine  
61 whether and how to implement an elementary agricultural  
62 education program statewide.]

63 (2) (a) The department, through its employees who  
64 work in the agricultural education section, [is authorized  
65 to select from among applications submitted by the public  
66 elementary schools a minimum of sixteen public elementary  
67 schools for participation in the pilot program. The  
68 department] shall develop [an application] a process for  
69 public elementary schools to [apply to] participate in the  
70 [pilot] program.

71 (b) The local school board for each elementary school  
72 [selected] that elects to be in the [pilot] program shall  
73 agree to implement and fully fund an elementary agricultural  
74 education program in such school and [to continue to provide  
75 such elementary agricultural education program for a period  
76 no shorter than three years. The local school district] may  
77 employ an agricultural education teacher to provide such  
78 program for the elementary school.

79 (3) The department, through its employees who work in  
80 the agricultural education section, [and local school  
81 districts] shall [collaborate to] establish [the]  
82 instructional [model] models for [each] the elementary  
83 agricultural education program in conjunction and  
84 collaboration with Missouri agricultural commodity groups  
85 and organizations that promote and support Missouri

86 agriculture. Such instructional **[model]** models shall be  
87 grade-appropriate and include instruction in an organized  
88 classroom, collaborative learning experiences through  
89 investigation and inquiry, including laboratory and site-  
90 based learning activities, and personal, leadership, and  
91 career development opportunities.

92 (4) The department, through its agricultural education  
93 section, shall provide for a program evaluation regarding  
94 the success and impact of the **[pilot]** program **[upon**  
95 **completion of the third year of the pilot program]** and shall  
96 report the results of such evaluation **[to the relevant house**  
97 **and senate committees on agriculture and education]** on the  
98 department's website.

99 4. The department shall maintain an adequate number of  
100 full-time employees, certified in agricultural education and  
101 distributed regionally throughout the state, to provide  
102 accountability for program delivery of agricultural  
103 education, to continue to develop and maintain pertinent  
104 agricultural education instructional models and standards,  
105 to assist local school districts on matters related to  
106 agricultural education, and to coordinate regional and  
107 statewide activities supporting K-12 agricultural education  
108 programming.

109 5. Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
110 require public elementary schools to participate in the  
111 **[pilot]** program.

112 6. The requirements of section 160.514 shall not apply  
113 to the provisions of this section.