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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 719

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Education, April 6, 2016, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to simplified annual school report cards.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.237, to read as follows:

161.237. 1. The state board of education shall develop a simplified annual school report card for each school attendance center, including charter schools, for the purpose of providing information about a school's academic performance. Such report card shall be separate from the information required by section 160.522, and shall have no bearing on the accreditation status of a district.

2. A school shall be assigned an annual letter grade, which shall be calculated using the following indicators:

(1) For each subject tested by the annual state assessment system created pursuant to section 160.518, the percentage of the school's students who scored either "proficient" or "advanced";

(2) For each subject tested by the annual state assessment system created pursuant to section 160.518, the percentage of the school's students in identified subgroups who scored either "proficient" or "advanced";

(3) The school's median grade point average, or equivalent;

(4) For high schools, as defined in section 160.011, the school's dropout and graduation rates;

(5) For elementary schools, as defined in section 160.011, the percentage of students who scored "proficient" on one or more of the

21 high school end-of-course assessments while in elementary school;

22 (6) The school's attendance rate.

23 3. (1) The department shall assign a point value to each
24 indicator that is designed to evaluate a school's performance relative
25 to desirable standards established by the department, and shall
26 calculate an overall annual letter grade based on the percentage of
27 points earned by a school. Such letter grade shall be either A, B, C, D,
28 or F, and shall correspond to the following values:

29 (a) "A", 90-100%;

30 (b) "B", 80-89%;

31 (c) "C", 70-79%;

32 (d) "D", 60-69%;

33 (e) "F", 59% or below.

34 (2) The department shall obtain the approval of the state board
35 of education for the distribution of point values created pursuant to
36 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

37 4. The report card shall be made publicly available on the
38 department of elementary and secondary education's internet website.
39 By August first annually, each school shall distribute the report card
40 for the prior academic year to the parents or guardians of every
41 enrolled student. A school may distribute the report card to parents or
42 guardians through electronic mail.

43 5. Each school that has students who are tested on state
44 standardized assessments and included in the school grading system
45 shall receive a school letter grade except that:

46 (1) A school shall not receive a school letter grade if the number
47 of its students tested and included in the school grading system is less
48 than the minimum sample size necessary, based on accepted
49 professional practice, for statistical reliability and prevention of the
50 unlawful release of personally identifiable student data;

51 (2) An alternative school may choose to receive a school letter
52 grade.

53 6. The annual report card shall also identify each school's
54 performance as having improved, remained the same, or declined, in
55 terms of the school's letter grade and value as compared to the
56 previous year.

57 7. The state board of education shall promulgate rules and

58 regulations to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or
59 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is
60 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become
61 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions
62 of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and
63 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
64 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the
65 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
66 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
67 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

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