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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 161.092, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the duties of the state board of education.

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

Section A. Section 161.092, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.092, to read as follows:

161.092. The state board of education shall:

2 (1) Adopt rules governing its own proceedings and formulate policies for  
3 the guidance of the commissioner of education and the department of elementary  
4 and secondary education;

5 (2) Carry out the educational policies of the state relating to public  
6 schools that are provided by law and supervise instruction in the public schools;

7 (3) Direct the investment of all moneys received by the state to be applied  
8 to the capital of any permanent fund established for the support of public  
9 education within the jurisdiction of the department of elementary and secondary  
10 education and see that the funds are applied to the branches of educational  
11 interest of the state that by grant, gift, devise or law they were originally  
12 intended, and if necessary institute suit for and collect the funds and return them  
13 to their legitimate channels;

14 (4) Cause to be assembled information which will reflect continuously the  
15 condition and management of the public schools of the state;

16 (5) Require of county clerks or treasurers, boards of education or other  
17 school officers, recorders and treasurers of cities, towns and villages, copies of all  
18 records required to be made by them and all other information in relation to the  
19 funds and condition of schools and the management thereof that is deemed  
20 necessary;

21 (6) Provide blanks suitable for use by officials in reporting the information  
22 required by the board;

23 (7) When conditions demand, cause the laws relating to schools to be  
24 published in a separate volume, with pertinent notes and comments, for the  
25 guidance of those charged with the execution of the laws;

26 (8) Grant, without fee except as provided in section 168.021, certificates  
27 of qualification and licenses to teach in any of the public schools of the state,  
28 establish requirements therefor, formulate regulations governing the issuance  
29 thereof, and cause the certificates to be revoked for the reasons and in the  
30 manner provided in section 168.071;

31 (9) Classify the public schools of the state **including charter schools**,  
32 subject to limitations provided by law and subdivision (14) of this section,  
33 establish requirements for the schools of each class, and formulate rules  
34 governing the inspection and accreditation of schools preparatory to classification,  
35 with such requirements taking effect not less than two years from the date of  
36 adoption of the proposed rule by the state board of education, provided that this  
37 condition shall not apply to any requirement for which a time line for adoption  
38 is mandated in either federal or state law. Such rules shall include a process to  
39 allow any district that is accredited without provision that does not meet the  
40 state board's promulgated criteria for a classification designation of accredited  
41 with distinction to propose alternative criteria to the state board to be classified  
42 as accredited with distinction;

43 (10) Make an annual report on or before the first Wednesday after the  
44 first day of January to the general assembly or, when it is not in session, to the  
45 governor for publication and transmission to the general assembly. The report  
46 shall be for the last preceding school year, and shall include:

47 (a) A statement of the number of public schools in the state, the number  
48 of pupils attending the schools, their sex, and the branches taught;

49 (b) A statement of the number of teachers employed, their sex, their  
50 professional training, and their average salary;

51 (c) A statement of the receipts and disbursements of public school funds  
52 of every description, their sources, and the purposes for which they were  
53 disbursed;

54 (d) Suggestions for the improvement of public schools; and

55 (e) Any other information relative to the educational interests of the state  
56 that the law requires or the board deems important;

57 (11) Make an annual report to the general assembly and the governor  
58 concerning coordination with other agencies and departments of government that  
59 support family literacy programs and other services which influence educational  
60 attainment of children of all ages;

61 (12) Require from the chief officer of each division of the department of  
62 elementary and secondary education, on or before the thirty-first day of August  
63 of each year, reports containing information the board deems important and  
64 desires for publication;

65 (13) Cause fifty copies of its annual report to be reserved for the use of  
66 each division of the state department of elementary and secondary education, and  
67 ten copies for preservation in the state library;

68 (14) Promulgate rules under which the board shall classify the public  
69 schools of the state **including charter schools**; provided that the appropriate  
70 scoring guides, instruments, and procedures used in determining the  
71 accreditation status of a district **or charter school** shall be subject to a public  
72 meeting upon notice in a newspaper of general circulation in each of the three  
73 most populous cities in the state and also a newspaper that is a certified minority  
74 business enterprise or woman-owned business enterprise in each of the two most  
75 populous cities in the state, and notice to each district board of education, each  
76 superintendent of a school district, **each charter school sponsor**, and to the  
77 speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tem of the senate, and  
78 the members of the joint committee on education, at least fourteen days in  
79 advance of the meeting, which shall be conducted by the department of  
80 elementary and secondary education not less than ninety days prior to their  
81 application in accreditation, with all comments received to be reported to the  
82 state board of education;

83 (15) Have other powers and duties prescribed by law.

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