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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to student volunteer opportunities.

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

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 170.037, to read as follows:

**170.037. 1. The state board of education shall promote the adoption of service-
2 learning programs and projects among school districts. As used in this section, the term
3 "service-learning programs and projects" means structured, school district-approved
4 opportunities for students to engage in community service that are integrally related to the
5 student's academic classroom activities.**

**6 2. The state board of education shall provide technical assistance upon request of
7 any school district that elects to implement service learning programs or projects and shall
8 provide assistance to districts in locating, leveraging and utilizing alternative financial
9 resources that will assist teachers desiring to receive training in developing and
10 administering service learning programs or projects. The state board of education shall
11 adopt rules to implement the grant program and shall include as an eligibility criterion
12 that applicants shall exhaust any alternative sources of support for such training including
13 federal funds and funds available to school districts for professional development pursuant
14 to subsection 1 of section 160.530, RSMo. The state board of education may use funds
15 dedicated for statewide areas of critical need for learning and development pursuant to
16 subsection 2 of section 160.530, RSMo, to implement the provisions of this section.**

**17 3. The state board of education shall notify all school districts that maintain high
18 schools that service learning programs and projects may appropriately be included as part**

19 of any course contributing to the satisfaction of credits necessary for high school
20 graduation and shall provide direction in the use of service learning as a strategy to
21 address areas of the show-me standards, as required by school districts.