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## 92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHOEMEHL.

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to salary supplements for teachers in priority schools.

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

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 160.731, to read as follows:

**160.731. 1. The department of elementary and secondary education shall be  
2 authorized, subject to appropriation, to award salary supplement grants to priority  
3 schools, as that term is defined in subsection 2 of section 160.720, employing high quality  
4 teachers.**

**5 (1) In distributing grants, priority shall be given to unaccredited and provisionally  
6 accredited school districts, with each school building receiving the lesser of five grants or  
7 one grant per fifty pupils enrolled in the building, provided that no single school district  
8 shall receive more than twenty-five grants.**

**9 (2) Within any unaccredited or provisionally accredited district, priority shall be  
10 given to school buildings identified as academically deficient by the state board of  
11 education pursuant to section 160.538.**

**12 (3) An annual salary supplement grant of three thousand dollars shall be granted  
13 to the eligible teacher based upon full-time employment for the academic year. The  
14 supplement paid pursuant to this section may be paid in a lump sum at the beginning of  
15 the fiscal year to a school district in the amount necessary to cover all of the salary  
16 supplements owed to teachers in the district, to be held by the district for a pro rata  
17 disbursement to be included in the teacher's regular salary payments. Under no  
18 circumstance may a teacher receive more than four individual yearly supplements.**

19           **(4) Any salary supplement received pursuant to this section shall be in addition to**  
20 **the base salary to which the teacher would otherwise be entitled. Teachers receiving the**  
21 **salary supplement shall receive any pay and benefits received by teachers of similar**  
22 **training, experience and duties.**

23           **2. The state board of education shall establish by administrative rule the**  
24 **qualifications for high quality teachers.**

25           **(1) The purpose of these criteria will be to determine eligibility for salary**  
26 **supplements authorized under this section.**

27           **(2) This designation of high quality may be for a student attending a Missouri**  
28 **teacher preparation institution or an existing teacher who meets the qualifications for**  
29 **designation as a high quality teacher.**

30           **(3) Factors in determining eligibility shall include, but not be limited to, cumulative**  
31 **grade point average, scores on standardized testing, and teacher or faculty**  
32 **recommendations.**

33           **(4) Any teacher receiving certification from the National Board for Professional**  
34 **Teaching Standards shall be considered as meeting the qualifications for a high quality**  
35 **teacher pursuant to this section.**

36           **3. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section**  
37 **shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo.**