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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1451

## 92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES FRASER (Sponsor), WALKER AND MOORE (Co-sponsors).

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to foreign language instruction in elementary schools, with an effective date.

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*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 170.027, to read as follows:

**170.027. 1. Every child at a public elementary school in this state shall receive  
2 regular classroom instruction in a foreign language on a schedule determined to be  
3 developmentally appropriate by rule by the state board of education and subject to the  
4 availability of properly certified personnel. The state board of education shall set forth  
5 minimum standards for such instruction, which shall be implemented and may be exceeded  
6 by the local school boards of this state.**

7 **2. This section shall not apply to students:**

8 **(1) In any special school district who utilize the services of the district in an  
9 individualized education plan;**

10 **(2) Who have a learning or reading disability which may require special  
11 instruction. Such students may receive such special instruction in lieu of foreign language  
12 classes;**

13 **(3) For whom English is a second language. Such students may receive special  
14 English instruction, if necessary, in lieu of foreign language classes; or**

15 **(4) Who should otherwise be exempt from such instruction, as the state board of  
16 education may by rule determine.**

17 **3. The state board of education shall make such rules as are necessary for the  
18 enforcement of this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to this**

19 **section shall take effect unless such rule has been promulgated pursuant to chapter 536,**  
20 **RSMo.**

Section B. Section A of this act shall become effective July 1, 2005.