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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 297
93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education February 3, 2005, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 297 Do Pass by Consent.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 160.522, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to school accountability report cards.

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

Section A. Section 160.522, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 160.522, to read as follows:

160.522. 1. [School districts shall provide, at least annually, a school accountability report card for each school building to any household with a student enrolled in the district. Methods of distribution of the school accountability report card may include, but are not restricted to:

(1) Distribution at the time and place of student enrollment;

(2) Inclusion with student grade reports;

(3) Newspaper publication;

(4) Posting by the school district by Internet or other electronic means generally accessible to the public; or

(5) Making copies available upon request at all school or administrative buildings in any school district.

The school district reports shall be distributed to all media outlets serving the district, and shall be made available, upon request, to all district patrons and to each member of the general assembly representing a legislative district which contains a portion of the school district] **The**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 **department of elementary and secondary education shall produce or cause to be produced,**
17 **at least annually, a school accountability report card for each public school district, each**
18 **public school building in a school district, and each charter school in the state. The report**
19 **card shall be designed to satisfy state and federal requirements for the disclosure of**
20 **statistics about students, staff, finances, academic achievement, and other indicators. The**
21 **purpose of the report card shall be to provide educational statistics and accountability**
22 **information for parents, taxpayers, school personnel, legislators, and the print and**
23 **broadcast news media in a standardized, easily accessible form.**

24 2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a standard form
25 for the school accountability report card [which may be used by school districts]. The
26 information reported shall include, but not be limited to, **the district's most recent**
27 **accreditation rating**, enrollment, rates of pupil attendance, high school dropout rate[, the rates
28 and durations of, and reasons for,] **and graduation rate, the number and rate of** suspensions
29 of ten days or longer and expulsions of pupils, [staffing ratios, including] the district ratio of
30 students to [all teachers, to] administrators[, and **students** to classroom teachers, the average
31 years of experience of professional staff and advanced degrees earned, student achievement as
32 [determined] **measured** through the assessment system developed pursuant to section 160.518,
33 student scores on the [SAT or] ACT, [as appropriate,] along with the percentage of [students]
34 **graduates** taking [each] **the** test, average teachers' and administrators' salaries compared to the
35 state averages, [average salaries of noncertificated personnel compared to state averages,]
36 average per pupil **current** expenditures for the district [as a whole and by attendance center as
37 reported to the department of elementary and secondary education], [voted and] **the** adjusted tax
38 [rates levied] **rate of the district**, assessed valuation **of the district**, percent of the district
39 operating budget received from state, federal, and local sources, the [number] **percent** of
40 students eligible for free or [reduced] **reduced-price** lunch, [school calendar information,
41 including days of student attendance, parent-teacher conferences, and staff development or
42 in-service training, data on course offerings and rates of participation in parent-teacher
43 conferences, special education programs, early childhood special education programs, parents
44 as teachers programs, vocational education programs, gifted or enrichment programs, and
45 advanced placement programs,] data on the [number] **percent** of students continuing their
46 education in postsecondary programs, and information about **the** job placement **rate** for students
47 who complete district vocational education programs[, and the district's most recent accreditation
48 by the state board of education, including measures for school improvement].

49 3. The [public reporting] **report card** shall permit the disclosure of data on a
50 school-by-school basis, but the reporting shall not be personally identifiable to any student or
51 education professional in the state.

52 4. [The annual report made by the state board of education pursuant to section 161.092,
53 RSMo, shall include a summary of school districts accredited, provisionally accredited, and
54 unaccredited under the Missouri school improvement program, including an analysis of standards
55 met and not met, and an analysis of state program assessment data collected pursuant to section
56 160.526, describing the kinds of tasks students can perform.] **The report card shall identify**
57 **each school or attendance center that has been identified as a priority school under sections**
58 **160.720 and 161.092, RSMo. The report also shall identify attendance centers that have**
59 **been categorized under federal law as needing improvement or requiring specific school**
60 **improvement strategies.**

61 5. **The report card shall not limit or discourage other methods of public reporting**
62 **and accountability by local school districts. Districts shall provide information included**
63 **in the report card to parents, community members, the print and broadcast news media,**
64 **and legislators by December first annually or as soon thereafter as the information is**
65 **available to the district, giving preference to methods that incorporate the reporting into**
66 **substantive official communications such as student report cards. The school district shall**
67 **provide a printed copy of the district level or school level report card to any patron upon**
68 **request and shall make reasonable efforts to supply businesses such as, but not limited to,**
69 **real estate and employment firms with copies or other information about the reports so**
70 **that parents and businesses from outside the district who may be contemplating relocation**
71 **have access.**