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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS (Sponsor) AND EMERY (Co-sponsor).

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to biology textbooks.

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 170.032, to read as follows:

3 **170.032. All biology textbooks sold to the public schools of the state of Missouri**
4 **shall have one or more chapters containing a critical analysis of origins. The chapters shall**
5 **convey the distinction between data and testable theories of science and philosophical**
6 **claims that are made in the name of science. Where topics are taught that may generate**
7 **controversy, such as biological evolution, the curriculum should help students to**
8 **understand the full range of scientific views that exist, why such topics may generate**
9 **controversy, and how scientific discoveries can profoundly affect society.**

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.