

HB 1275 -- Virtual Schools

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This bill requires the State Board of Education to establish a virtual school by July 1, 2007. Any student in kindergarten through grade 12 may enroll, regardless of where the student lives within the state. State school aid will treat the student as part of the enrollment of the district in which the student physically resides. The virtual school will report aid-related data to the district of residence. A full-time equivalent student is one who completes six credits per regular term, and each virtual course counts as one class. The school district will retain 15% of state aid under Section 163.031, RSMo, related to the funding formula and Section 163.043, related to the Classroom Trust Fund, attributable to the student; and the virtual school will receive 85% of the state adequacy target attributable to the student. The virtual school must comply with all laws applicable to school districts including the state accreditation program, adequate yearly progress, annual performance report, teacher certification, and curriculum standards.