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HOUSE BILL NO. 489

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 162.720, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to gifted education.

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

Section A. Section 162.720, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 162.720, to read as follows:

162.720. 1. [Where a sufficient number of children are determined to be gifted and their development requires programs or services beyond the level of those ordinarily provided in regular public school programs, districts may establish special programs for such gifted children.

2.] **Each school district shall identify which of the district's students are academically gifted as established under the rules prescribed by the department of elementary and secondary education. The department shall develop a list of identification criteria with emphasis on early identification.**

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.

8 **2. Each school district may establish special programs or services for students who**
9 **are identified as academically gifted under subsection 1 of this section and whose**
10 **development requires programs or services beyond the level of programs ordinarily**
11 **provided in regular public school programs.**

12 **3. The state board of education shall determine standards or services for such programs.**
13 **Approval of such programs shall be made by the state department of elementary and secondary**
14 **education based upon project applications submitted [by July fifteenth of each year] in a format**
15 **and at a time established by the department. Each school district shall report annually to**
16 **the department, by a date established by the department.**

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