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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Special Committee on Student Achievement February 7, 2008 with recommendation that House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1305 Do Pass. Referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 25(21)(f).

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AN ACT

To repeal section 170.011, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to transfer student curriculum.

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

Section A. Section 170.011, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 170.011, to read as follows:

170.011. 1. Regular courses of instruction in the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Missouri and in American history and institutions shall be given in all public and private schools in the state of Missouri, except privately operated trade schools, and shall begin not later than the seventh grade and continue in high school to an extent determined by the state commissioner of education, and shall continue in college and university courses to an extent determined by the state commissioner of higher education. In the 1990-91 school year and each year thereafter, local school districts maintaining high schools shall comply with the provisions of this section by offering in grade nine, ten, eleven, or twelve a course of instruction in the institutions, branches and functions of the government of the state of Missouri, including local governments, and of the government of the United States, and in the electoral process. A local school district maintaining such a high school shall require that prior to the completion of the twelfth grade each pupil, who receives a high school diploma or certificate of graduation on or after January 1, 1994, shall satisfactorily complete such a course of study. Such course shall be of at least one semester in length and may be two semesters in length. The department of

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.

15 elementary and secondary education may provide assistance in developing such a course if the
16 district requests assistance. **A school district may elect to waive the requirements of this**
17 **subsection for any student who transfers from outside the state to a Missouri high school**
18 **if the student can furnish documentation deemed acceptable by the school district of the**
19 **student's successful completion in any year from the ninth through the twelfth grade of a**
20 **course of instruction in the institutions, branches, and functions of state government,**
21 **including local governments, and of the government of the United States, and in the**
22 **electoral process.**

23 2. American history courses at the elementary and secondary levels shall include in their
24 proper time-line sequence specific referrals to the details and events of the racial equality
25 movement that have caused major changes in United States and Missouri laws and attitudes.

26 3. No pupil shall receive a certificate of graduation from any public or private school
27 other than private trade schools unless he has satisfactorily passed an examination on the
28 provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Missouri,
29 and in American history and American institutions. **A school district may elect to waive the**
30 **requirements of this subsection for any student who transfers from outside the state to a**
31 **Missouri high school if the student can furnish documentation deemed acceptable by the**
32 **school district of the student's successful completion in any year from the ninth through**
33 **the twelfth grade of a course of instruction in the institutions, branches, and functions of**
34 **state government, including local governments, and of the government of the United States,**
35 **and in the electoral process.** A student of a college or university, who, after having completed
36 a course of instruction prescribed in this section and successfully passed an examination on the
37 United States Constitution, and in American history and American institutions required hereby,
38 transfers to another college or university, is not required to complete another such course or pass
39 another such examination as a condition precedent to his graduation from the college or
40 university.

41 4. In the 1990-91 school year and each year thereafter, each school district maintaining
42 a high school may annually nominate to the state board of education a student who has
43 demonstrated knowledge of the principles of government and citizenship through academic
44 achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, and service to the community. Annually,
45 the state board of education shall select fifteen students from those nominated by the local school
46 districts and shall recognize and award them for their academic achievement, participation and
47 service.

48 5. [The state commissioner of education and the state commissioner of higher education
49 shall make arrangements for carrying out the provisions of this section and prescribe a list of
50 suitable texts adapted to the needs of the school grades and college courses, respectively.

51 6. The willful neglect of any superintendent, principal or teacher to observe and carry
52 out the requirements of this section is sufficient cause for termination of his contract.

53 7.] The provisions of this section shall not apply to students from foreign countries who
54 are enrolled in public or private high schools in Missouri, if such students are foreign exchange
55 students sponsored by a national organization recognized by the department of elementary and
56 secondary education.

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