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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES THOMSON (Sponsor), NANCE, SCHIEFFER, RUZICKA,
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AN ACT

To repeal section 163.044, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to appropriations to small schools.

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

Section A. Section 163.044, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 163.044, to read as follows:

163.044. 1. Beginning with the 2007 fiscal year and each subsequent fiscal year, the general assembly shall appropriate fifteen million dollars to be directed in the following manner to school districts with [an] **a regular-term** average daily attendance of three hundred fifty students or less in the school year preceding the payment year:

(1) Ten million dollars shall be distributed to the eligible districts in proportion to their **regular-term** average daily attendance; and

(2) Five million dollars shall be directed to the eligible districts that have an operating levy for school purposes in the current year equal to or greater than the performance levy and any school districts which have an operating levy for school purposes in the current year less than the performance levy solely due to a modification of such district's levy required under subdivision (4) of subsection 5 of section 137.073, RSMo. A tax-rate-weighted **regular-term** average daily attendance shall be calculated for each eligible district in proportion to its operating levy for school purposes for the current year divided by the performance levy with that result multiplied by the district's **regular-term** average daily attendance in the school year preceding the payment year. The total appropriation pursuant to this subdivision shall then be divided by the sum of the tax-rate-weighted **regular-term** average daily attendance of the eligible districts,

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.

17 and the resulting amount per tax-rate-weighted **regular-term** average daily attendance shall be
18 multiplied by each eligible district's tax-rate-weighted **regular-term** average daily attendance
19 to determine the amount to be paid to each eligible district.

20 2. The payment under this section shall not be transferred to the capital projects fund.

21 3. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, districts receiving payments under
22 this section may use the moneys for, including but not limited to, the following:

23 (1) Distance learning;

24 (2) Extraordinary transportation costs;

25 (3) Rural teacher recruitment; and

26 (4) Student learning opportunities not available within the district.

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