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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES THOMSON (Sponsor), WALLACE, NANCE, WILSON (119),
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AN ACT

To repeal section 163.044, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to grants
for 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Section A. Section 163.044, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu
2 thereof, to be known as section 163.044, to read as follows:

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

5 (1) [Ten] **Eleven** million dollars shall be distributed to the eligible districts in proportion
6 to their average daily attendance **for the regular school year**; and

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

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

20 **2. Beginning with the 2011 fiscal year and each subsequent fiscal year, the general**
21 **assembly shall appropriate an amount to be directed in the following manner to school**
22 **districts with an average daily attendance for the regular school year of three hundred**
23 **fifty-one to and including four hundred students in the school year preceding the payment**
24 **year, so that a school district with an average daily attendance for the regular school year**
25 **of three hundred fifty-one shall receive ninety-eight percent of the amount per average**
26 **daily attendance distributed under subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section and the**
27 **percentage factor shall decrease by two percent per each additional student in average**
28 **daily attendance as average daily attendance for the regular school year increases to and**
29 **including four hundred.**

30 **3.** The payment under this section shall not be transferred to the capital projects fund.

31 **[3.] 4.** Except as provided in subsection **[2] 3** of this section, districts receiving payments
32 under this section may use the moneys for, including but not limited to, the following:

- 33 (1) Distance learning;
34 (2) Extraordinary transportation costs;
35 (3) Rural teacher recruitment; and
36 (4) Student learning opportunities not available within the district.

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