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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SOMMER (Sponsor), NORR, ENGLUND, NETH, PFAUTSCH, KELLY (45), SPENCER, PACE, MCNEIL, MONTECILLO, WEBBER, FITZWATER, HIGDON, KORMAN, LYNCH, ALLEN, DIEHL, FRANKLIN, SWAN, GANNON, ROORDA AND MORRIS (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the education of gifted and talented children.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 161.248 and 161.249, to read as follows:

161.248. 1. The state board of education shall designate a staff person who is in charge of educational programs for gifted and talented children. This staff person shall, at a minimum:

(1) Be responsible for developing an approval process for educational programs for gifted and talented children by no later than September 1, 2014;

(2) Receive and maintain the written descriptions of all programs for gifted and talented children in the state;

(3) Collect and maintain the annual growth in learning data submitted by a school, school district, or cooperative of school districts;

(4) Identify potential funding sources for the education of gifted and talented children; and

(5) Serve as the main contact person at the state board of education for program supervisors and other school officials, parents, and other stakeholders regarding the education of gifted and talented children.

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 **2. The state board of education may perform a variety of additional administrative**
16 **functions with respect to the education of gifted and talented children, including, but not**
17 **limited to: supervision; quality assurance; compliance monitoring; oversight of local**
18 **programs; analysis of performance outcome data submitted by local educational agencies;**
19 **the establishment of personnel standards; and a program of personnel development for**
20 **teachers and administrative personnel in the education of gifted and talented children.**

161.249. 1. There is hereby created the "Advisory Council on the Education of
2 **Gifted and Talented Children" which shall consist of seven members appointed by the**
3 **commissioner of education. Members shall serve a term of four years, except for the initial**
4 **appointments, which shall be for the following lengths:**

- 5 **(1) One member shall be appointed for a term of one year;**
6 **(2) Two members shall be appointed for a term of two years;**
7 **(3) Two members shall be appointed for a term of three years;**
8 **(4) Two members shall be appointed for a term of four years.**

9 **2. Upon the expiration of the term of a member, that member shall continue to**
10 **serve until a replacement is appointed. The council shall organize with a chairperson**
11 **selected by the commissioner of education. Members of the council shall serve without**
12 **compensation and shall not be reimbursed for travel to and from meetings.**

13 **3. The commissioner of education shall consider recommendations for membership**
14 **on the council from organizations of educators and parents of gifted and talented children**
15 **and other groups with an interest in the education of gifted and talented children. The**
16 **members appointed shall be residents of the state of Missouri and selected on the basis of**
17 **their knowledge of, or experience in, programs and problems of the education of gifted and**
18 **talented children.**

19 **4. The commissioner of education shall seek the advice of the council regarding all**
20 **rules and policies to be adopted by the state board of education relating to the education**
21 **of gifted and talented children. A staff person appointed by the state board of education**
22 **shall serve as the state board's liaison to the council. The state board of education shall**
23 **provide necessary clerical support and assistance in order to facilitate meetings of the**
24 **council.**

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