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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHUPP (Sponsor), MCNEIL, KIRKTON, MEREDITH,
MCCANN BEATTY, PIERSON, WALTON GRAY, NORR AND KELLY (45) (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 163, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to state funding for prekindergarten programs.

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

Section A. Chapter 163, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 163.018, to read as follows:

163.018. 1. Notwithstanding the definition of "average daily attendance" in
2 subdivision (2) of section 163.011 to the contrary, pupils between the ages of three and five
3 who are eligible for free and reduced lunch and attend a prekindergarten program that is
4 operated by and in a district providing full-day kindergarten and that meets standards
5 established by the state board of education, shall be included in the district's calculation
6 of average daily attendance.

7 2. The provisions of this section shall become applicable in any school year
8 subsequent to a school year in which the amount appropriated for subsections 1 and 2 of
9 section 163.031 is equal to or exceeds the amount necessary to fund the entire entitlement
10 calculation determined by subsections 1 and 2 of section 163.031, and shall remain
11 applicable in all school years thereafter, irrespective of the amount appropriated for
12 subsections 1 and 2 of section 163.031 in any succeeding year.

13 3. This section shall not require school attendance beyond that mandated under
14 section 167.031 and shall not change or amend the provisions of sections 160.051, 160.053,
15 160.054, and 160.055 relating to kindergarten attendance.

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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.