

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1763

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTON GRAY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to the establishment of a community schools program.

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

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto three new sections, to be known as sections 162.667, 162.668, and 162.669, to read as follows:

**162.667. 1. As used in sections 162.667 to 162.669, the following terms mean:**

(1) "Board", the board of education of a metropolitan school district located in a city not within a county, a school district located in a county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, an urban school district located in a home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county, or a school district located in a county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants;

(2) "Community school", a school located within a metropolitan school district located in a city not within a county, a school district located in a county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, an urban school district located in a home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county, or a school district located in a county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, that makes its facilities available for citizen use, coordinates activities of local citizens in identifying program needs and establishing priorities, identifies and utilizes available program resources, and assists in the initiation

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.

18 of programs to improve the cultural, social, recreational, and educational opportunities  
19 available in a community;

20 (3) "Community education program", a program in which a public building,  
21 including a public elementary or secondary school, is used as a community center operated  
22 by a school board in cooperation with other groups in the community, community  
23 organizations, and local governmental agencies to provide educational, recreational,  
24 cultural, health care, and other related community services in accordance with the needs,  
25 interests, and concerns of the community;

26 (4) "Community education director", an employee of a school district located in a  
27 metropolitan school district located in a city not within a county, a school district located  
28 in a county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty  
29 thousand inhabitants, an urban school district located in a home rule city with more than  
30 four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county, or a school  
31 district located in a county with a charter form of government and with more than six  
32 hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, who is responsible  
33 for a countywide or citywide program of community education in such school district.

34 2. The state board of education shall develop a state plan for community education  
35 which sets forth the goals and objectives of the community schools program and establishes  
36 a system of priorities for targeting available resources on the areas with the greatest need  
37 within a district.

38 3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall administer a grant  
39 program to provide money to a school district located in a metropolitan school district  
40 located in a city not within a county, a school district located in a county with a charter  
41 form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, an  
42 urban school district located in a home rule city with more than four hundred thousand  
43 inhabitants and located in more than one county, or a school district located in a county  
44 with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer  
45 than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, to employ one full-time community education  
46 director to plan and manage programs and services for community education that are  
47 targeted to the greatest educational needs in the community and to encourage cooperation  
48 among all schools in a district located in a metropolitan school district located in a city not  
49 within a county, a district located within a county with a charter form of government and  
50 with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, an urban school district located  
51 in a home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more  
52 than one county, or a school district located in a county with a charter form of government  
53 and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand

54 inhabitants. Funds shall also be used to provide professional development training to the  
55 state-funded community education director.

56 4. Funds appropriated for this purpose shall be distributed by the department of  
57 elementary and secondary education through a grant process.

58 5. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Community Schools Fund",  
59 which shall consist of money collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be  
60 custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer  
61 may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation,  
62 money in the fund shall be distributed by the department of elementary and secondary  
63 education through a grant process for the purpose of establishing and supporting  
64 community schools within a school district located in a metropolitan school district located  
65 in a city not within a county, a county with a charter form of government and with more  
66 than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, an urban school district located in a home  
67 rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one  
68 county, or a school district located in a county with a charter form of government and with  
69 more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants.  
70 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining  
71 in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue  
72 fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other  
73 funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited  
74 to the fund.

162.668. 1. A school district located in a metropolitan school district located in a  
2 city not within a county, a school district located in a county with a charter form of  
3 government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, an urban school  
4 district located in a home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and  
5 located in more than one county, or a school district located in a county with a charter  
6 form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven  
7 hundred thousand inhabitants, may receive funding for a community school program if  
8 it meets all of the following criteria:

9 (1) Submits an application for approval by the state board of education in the  
10 manner and form prescribed by the department of elementary and secondary education;

11 (2) Submits a plan approved by the local board, which outlines the proposed  
12 community education program, including procedures for obtaining the involvement and  
13 cooperation of other agencies and groups in identifying and recommending programs for  
14 meeting locally determined needs;

15           (3) Establishes a council with the power to make district-wide decisions of policy  
16 to assist in conducting community needs assessments and recommending program  
17 priorities;

18           (4) Employs one full-time community education director.

19           2. Each grantee receiving state funds for a community education program shall  
20 submit an annual report to the department of elementary and secondary education. The  
21 report shall include an evaluation of the program and a financial statement. Failure to  
22 submit the report shall result in the loss of state funding.

          162.669. 1. A state "Council for Community Education" shall be established for  
2 purposes of advising the commissioner of education and the department of elementary and  
3 secondary education on issues relating to community education programs and making  
4 recommendations for the funding of local community education programs.

5           2. The council shall have a membership of fifteen persons, appointed by the  
6 governor. Membership may include, but not be limited to, representatives of the following  
7 groups:

- 8           (1) Civic organizations;
- 9           (2) Community-based organizations;
- 10          (3) Community education organizations;
- 11          (4) Local government;
- 12          (5) Local school district administrators;
- 13          (6) Parent organizations;
- 14          (7) Post-secondary education;
- 15          (8) School boards; and
- 16          (9) Teachers.

17           3. The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee shall convene the  
18 first meeting of the council for the purpose of establishing the bylaws of the council and  
19 electing officers to include a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary.

20           4. The council shall not meet more than four times annually. Members may be  
21 reimbursed for expenses but shall not receive a per diem allowance.

22           5. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

23           (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under sections 162.667 to  
24 162.669 shall automatically sunset six years after the effective date of sections 162.667 to  
25 162.669 unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and

26           (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under sections 162.667  
27 to 162.669 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the  
28 reauthorization of sections 162.667 to 162.669; and

29           **(3) Sections 162.667 to 162.669 shall terminate on September first of the calendar**  
30 **year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under**  
31 **sections 162.667 to 162.669 is sunset.**

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