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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

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

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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