

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 140

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPENCER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

To repeal sections 160.570 and 161.184, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to high school diplomas.

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

Section A. Sections 160.570 and 161.184, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 160.570 and 170.380, to read as follows:

160.570. 1. Nothing in this section or section 105.1209 shall be construed to affect or limit any state agency's authority regarding professional registration, licensing or issuance of professional certificates, nor shall this section be construed to limit or affect the authority of the state board of education to examine applicants and issue high school equivalency certificates.

2. The school board of each school district shall establish a written policy on student participation in statewide assessments. The policy shall be provided to each student and the parent, guardian or other person responsible for every student under eighteen years of age at the beginning of each school year and a copy of the policy shall be maintained in the district office and shall be available for viewing by the public during business hours of the district office. A school board may establish a policy designed to encourage students to give their best efforts on each portion of any statewide assessment established pursuant to section 160.518 which may include but is not limited to incentives or supplementary work as a consequence of performance.

~~[3. In no case shall the state board of education or any other state agency establish any single test or group of tests as a condition or requirement for high school graduation or as a requirement for a state-approved diploma.]~~

**170.380. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known and may be cited as the "Student Accountability Act".**

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.

3           **2. Beginning with school year 2019-20, a public school student who has scored at**  
4 **least one point above the national average or, if there is no national average available, the**  
5 **statewide average, on a comprehensive assessment or assessments taken after the student's**  
6 **eighth-grade year shall receive a notation on his or her high school diploma indicating such**  
7 **achievement. The department of elementary and secondary education shall determine the**  
8 **appearance and placement of such notation on the diploma. All students who qualify to**  
9 **receive a notation under this section shall receive the same notation.**

10           **3. The comprehensive assessment or assessments described under subsection 2 of**  
11 **this section shall be one of the following:**

12           **(1) The ACT;**

13           **(2) The ACT Compass;**

14           **(3) The high school equivalency examination used by the department of elementary**  
15 **and secondary education;**

16           **(4) The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB);**

17           **(5) An end-of-course statewide assessment in each core area of mathematics,**  
18 **communication arts, social sciences, and science; or**

19           **(6) Any national norm-referenced examination intended to be taken by students in**  
20 **eleventh or twelfth grade.**

21           **4. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is**  
22 **created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**  
23 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**  
24 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers**  
25 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**  
26 **date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the**  
27 **grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2017,**  
28 **shall be invalid and void.**

2           ~~[161.184. The department of elementary and secondary education shall~~  
3 ~~be prohibited from establishing policies, creating projects, or in any way~~  
4 ~~supplying resources to assist in the placement on high school diplomas any~~  
5 ~~student's attendance records, grades, class rank or other information which was~~  
6 ~~not previously placed on such diplomas made, printed or issued for students~~  
   ~~graduating in the 1988-89 school year.]~~

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