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HOUSE BILL NO. 1371

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SOMMER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 162.720, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to gifted education.

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

Section A. Section 162.720, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 162.720, to read as follows:

162.720. 1. Where a sufficient number of children are determined to be gifted and their development requires programs or services beyond the level of those ordinarily provided in regular public school programs, districts may establish special programs for such gifted children.

2. The state board of education shall determine standards for such programs. Approval of such programs shall be made by the state department of elementary and secondary education based upon project applications submitted by July fifteenth of each year.

3. No district shall make a determination as to whether a child is gifted based on the child's participation in an advanced placement course or international baccalaureate course. Districts shall determine a child is gifted only if the child meets the definition of gifted children as provided in section 162.675.

4. Any district with a gifted education program approved under subsection 2 of this section shall have a process, approved by the board of education of the district, that allows parents or guardians to appeal a determination that their child does not qualify to receive services through the district's gifted education program.

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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.