

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. ____
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1 AMEND House Amendment No. ____ to House Bill No. 624, Page 1, Line 1, by inserting after the
2 number "624," the following:

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4 "Page 3, Section 160.560, Line 69, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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6 "160.2700. For purposes of sections 160.2700 to 160.2725, "adult high school" means a
7 school that:

8 (1) Is for individuals who do not have a high school diploma and who are twenty-one years
9 of age or older;

10 (2) Offers an industry certification program or programs and a high school diploma in a
11 manner that allows students to earn a diploma at the same time that they earn an industry
12 certification;

13 (3) Offers ~~on-site~~ child care for children of enrolled students attending the school; and

14 (4) Is not eligible to receive funding under section 160.415 or 163.031.

15 160.2705. 1. The department of elementary and secondary education shall authorize before
16 January 1, 2018, a Missouri-based nonprofit organization meeting the criteria under subsection 2 of
17 this section to establish and operate four adult high schools, with:

18 (1) One adult high school to be located in a city not within a county;

19 (2) One adult high school to be located in a county of the third classification without a
20 township form of government and with more than forty-one thousand but fewer than forty-five
21 thousand inhabitants or a county contiguous to that county;

22 (3) One adult high school to be located in a county of the first classification with more than
23 two hundred sixty thousand but fewer than three hundred thousand inhabitants or a county
24 contiguous to that county; and

25 (4) One adult high school to be located in a county of the first classification with more than
26 one hundred fifty thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants.

27 2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall grant the authorization
28 described under subsection 1 of this section based on a bid process conducted in accordance with the
29 rules and regulations governing purchasing through the office of administration. The successful
30 bidder shall:

31 (1) Demonstrate the ability to establish, within twenty-one months of the receipt of the
32 authorization, four adult high schools offering high school diplomas, an industry certification
33 program or programs, and ~~on-site~~ child care for children of the students attending the high schools;

34 (2) Commit at least two million dollars in investment for the purpose of establishing the

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1 necessary infrastructure to operate four adult high schools;

2 (3) Demonstrate substantial and positive experience in providing services, including
3 industry certifications and job placement services, to adults twenty-one years of age or older whose
4 educational and training opportunities have been limited by educational disadvantages, disabilities,
5 homelessness, criminal history, or similar circumstances;

6 (4) Establish a partnership with a state-supported postsecondary education institution or
7 more than one such partnership, if a partnership or partnerships are necessary in order to meet the
8 requirements for an adult high school;

9 (5) Establish a comprehensive plan that sets forth how the adult high schools will help
10 address the need for a sufficiently trained workforce in the surrounding region for each adult high
11 school;

12 (6) Establish partnerships and strategies for engaging the community and business leaders in
13 carrying out the goals of each adult high school;

14 (7) Establish the ability to meet quality standards through certified teachers and programs
15 that support each student in his or her goal to find a more rewarding job;

16 (8) Establish a plan for assisting students in overcoming barriers to educational success
17 including, but not limited to, educational disadvantages, homelessness, criminal history, disability,
18 including learning disability such as dyslexia, and similar circumstances;

19 (9) Establish a process for determining outcomes of the adult high school, including
20 outcomes related to a student's ability to find a more rewarding job through the attainment of a high
21 school diploma and job training and certification; and

22 (10) Bids shall not include an administrative fee greater than ten percent.

23 3. (1) The department of elementary and secondary education shall establish academic
24 requirements for students to obtain high school diplomas.

25 (2) Requirements for a high school diploma shall be based on an adult student's prior high
26 school achievement and the remaining credits and coursework that would be necessary for the
27 student to receive a high school diploma if he or she were in a traditional high school setting. The
28 adult student shall meet the requirements with the same level of academic rigor as would otherwise
29 be necessary to attain such credits.

30 (3) The adult high school authorized under this section shall award high school diplomas to
31 students who successfully meet the established academic requirements. The adult high school
32 authorized under this section shall confer the diploma as though the student earned the diploma at a
33 traditional high school. The diploma shall have no differentiating marks, titles, or other symbols.

34 (4) Students at adult high schools may complete required coursework at their own pace and
35 as available through the adult high school. They shall not be required to satisfy any specific number
36 of class minutes. The adult high school may also make classes available to students online as may
37 be appropriate. However, students shall not complete the majority of instruction of the school's
38 curriculum online or through remote instruction. For the purposes of this subsection, synchronous
39 instruction connecting students to a live class conducted in a Missouri adult high school shall be
40 treated the same as in-person instruction.

41 (5) The department of elementary and secondary education shall not create additional
42 regulations or burdens on the adult high school or the students attending the adult high schools
43 beyond certifying necessary credits and ensuring that students have sufficiently mastered the subject
44 matter to make them eligible for credit.

45 4. An adult high school shall be deemed a "secondary school system" for the purposes
46 subdivision (15) of subsection 1 of section 210.211."; and

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48 Further amend said bill,"; and
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2 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
3 accordingly.
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5 THIS AMENDS AMENDMENT 1369H01.04H