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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEVENS (46).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to an inclusive curriculum in public schools.

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

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 170.360, to read as follows:

170.360. 1. Any school district may:

(1) Teach students information on the roles and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in the history of the United States that are prerequisites to promoting acceptance and diversity and to understanding contemporary society and culture, including literature, art, music, and public policy; and

(2) Familiarize students with, as applicable:

(a) The history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender social movements;

(b) The persecution of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals;

(c) Current issues of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender inequality and progress; and

(d) The influence of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community on law, history, government, literature, art, music, values, and culture.

2. For purposes of this section, the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop an inclusive curriculum in conjunction with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender advocacy groups, and any such inclusive curriculum shall be made available to school districts beginning in the 2022-23 school year.

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.

17 **3. The department of elementary and secondary education and school districts, in**
18 **complying with this section, shall not violate any provision of the Constitution of the United**
19 **States or federal law, the Constitution of Missouri or any state law, or any administrative**
20 **regulations of the department of elementary and secondary education or the United States**
21 **Department of Education.**

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