

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Committee Substitute
2 for Senate Bill Nos. 4, 42 & 89, Pages 1 to 2, Section 160.516, Lines 1 to 20, by deleting all of the
3 said section and lines from the bill; and
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5 Further amend said bill, Pages 2 to 6, Section 160.522, Lines 1 to 145, by deleting all of the said
6 section and lines from the bill; and
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8 Further amend said bill, Pages 6 to 9, Section 161.841, Lines 1 to 88, by deleting all of the said
9 section and lines from the bill; and
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11 Further amend said bill, Page 9, Section 161.854, Lines 1 to 9, by deleting all of the said section and
12 lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
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14 "161.1145. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Parents' Bill of Rights".

15 2. The general assembly finds that a quality education is at the core of a child's early
16 development and in their long-term success in life. Parents have a right to play a central role in their
17 children's education, are entitled to critical information about what is being taught, and must have
18 the tools necessary to take action when they feel that the quality and content of their child's
19 education does not align with the values and expectations they expect and deserve. The provisions
20 of this section are intended to protect parents' rights to be well-informed in their children's
21 education, strengthen parents' abilities to take action related to their children's education, and
22 increase transparency in Missouri's schools.

23 3. As used in this section, the term "parent" means a person who has legal custody of a
24 minor child as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian.

25 4. Every parent of a child shall have a fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education,
26 health care, and mental health of such parent's child. Such rights shall include the following:

27 (1) To be informed of and approve of their child's health care decisions;

28 (2) To have access to their child's health and mental health records;

29 (3) To have access to the educational materials and curriculum taught to their child;

30 (4) To consent to any biometric scans, DNA extractions, and video or audio recordings of
31 their child; and

32 (5) To be informed of any investigations involving their child.

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1 5. Each school district and charter school shall, in consultation with parents, teachers, and
2 administrators, develop and adopt policies to guarantee a parent's right to participate in their child's
3 education. Such policies shall include:

4 (1) Procedures for a parent to view the curriculum and course of study that their child is
5 being taught;

6 (2) Procedures for a parent to receive information about the nature and purpose of all clubs
7 and activities offered at their child's school;

8 (3) The ability to receive information about potential school choice options for the parent,
9 including the ability to establish a scholarship account under the Missouri empowerment scholarship
10 accounts program established in sections 135.712 to 135.719 and sections 166.700 to 166.720, as
11 well as the criminal penalties to which a parent would be subject for misuse of any moneys granted
12 under such program;

13 (4) Information provided to the parent to understand the numerous health benefits associated
14 with fully vaccinating their child, including specific information regarding the process for how their
15 child should be vaccinated in accordance with recommendations from the Centers for Disease
16 Control and Prevention and any process for the parent to follow in order to exempt their child from
17 any immunization required under state law;

18 (5) Procedures for the parent to receive information about enrolling their child in any
19 individual educational plans appropriate for the child or gifted programs offered by the school
20 district.

21 6. (1) The commissioner of education shall establish the Missouri Education Transparency
22 Portal which shall be an internet-based tool creating transparency in Missouri's education system
23 and providing parents and citizens of this state access to every school district's and charter school's
24 curriculum, source materials, professional development materials, and a list of any speakers or guest
25 lecturers for each school and any costs paid by the school district or charter school for the services
26 of such speaker or guest lecturer. The portal shall consist of an easy-to-search database that any
27 person may search free of charge.

28 (2) The commissioner of education shall establish an online form that each school district
29 and charter school in this state shall complete with information required under subdivision (1) of
30 this subsection. A school district and charter school shall submit any updates to the information
31 provided in this subsection within seven business days of the information changing.

32 (3) The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate any rules
33 necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term
34 is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall
35 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if
36 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
37 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
38 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
39 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void.

1 7. (1) Suit for any violation of this section may be brought against the school district or
2 charter school by the parent of any child attending such school district or school or the prosecuting
3 or circuit attorney for the county in which the school district or school is located.

4 (2) Upon a finding by a preponderance of the evidence that a school district or charter
5 school has violated the provisions of this section, the court shall issue a civil penalty in an amount
6 up to ten thousand dollars."; and

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8 Further amend said bill, Pages 21 to 23, Section 170.355, Lines 1 to 100, by deleting all of the said
9 section and lines from the bill; and

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11 Further amend said bill, Pages 23 to 25, Section 170.370, Lines 1 to 50, by deleting all of the said
12 section and lines from the bill; and

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14 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
15 accordingly.