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HOUSE BILL NO. 578

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RIGGS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 168, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to matching grants for teacher salary increases.

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

Section A. Chapter 168, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 168.461, to read as follows:

168.461. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Matching Grants for Teachers Plan".

2. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Matching Grants for Teachers Plan Fund", which shall consist of moneys appropriated under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in this fund shall be used solely as provided in this section.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

3. The general assembly may make an annual appropriation to the matching grants for teachers plan fund established in this section to match amounts school districts use from each district's reserves to increase teacher salaries. No amount

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.

18 **appropriated under this section shall exceed the total amount necessary to provide each**
19 **school district with up to one million dollars for matching grants under this section.**

20 **4. Any school district that uses such district's reserves to increase teacher**
21 **salaries may apply to the department of elementary and secondary education for a**
22 **matching grant of moneys from the matching grants for teachers plan fund to assist**
23 **such district in increasing teacher salaries. An amount granted to a school district from**
24 **the matching grants for teachers plan fund shall be equal to the total amount such**
25 **district withdraws from such district's reserves and uses solely to increase teacher**
26 **salaries.**

27 **5. No school district shall receive a total of more than one million dollars**
28 **annually under this section.**

29 **6. No school district shall exhaust all of such district's reserves to increase**
30 **teacher salaries for the purpose of receiving matching grants under this section. No**
31 **school district shall deplete such district's reserves below the amount required to be**
32 **maintained by state law or regulations.**

33 **7. The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the**
34 **administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in**
35 **section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall**
36 **become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter**
37 **536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable**
38 **and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to**
39 **review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently**
40 **held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**
41 **adopted after August 28, 2023, shall be invalid and void.**

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