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HOUSE BILL NO. 483

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BAKER.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the extended learning opportunities act.

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

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 160.565, to read as follows:

160.565. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Extended Learning Opportunities Act".

2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Extended learning opportunity", an out-of-classroom learning experience that is approved by a local school board or a charter school and that provides a student with:

(a) Enrichment opportunities;

(b) Career readiness or employability skills opportunities including, but not limited to, internships, pre-apprenticeships, or apprenticeships; or

(c) Any other approved educational opportunity;

(2) "Parent", a student's parent, guardian, or other person having control or custody of such student;

(3) "Student", any child attending an elementary or secondary public school in grades kindergarten through twelve.

3. Beginning with the 2024-25 school year, each local school board and charter school shall routinely inform students and parents of the ability for students to earn credit for participating in extended learning opportunities. Public schools and charter

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 schools may assist students and parents in completing enrollment processes required for
19 participating in approved extended learning opportunities. No student or parent shall
20 be required to obtain permission from the student's school district or charter school to
21 enroll in an approved extended learning opportunity. Before participating in any
22 extended learning opportunity, the student and at least one parent shall sign an
23 agreement detailing all program requirements in a form developed by the department of
24 elementary and secondary education and approved by the state board of education.

25 4. An extended learning opportunity shall count as a credit toward graduation
26 requirements and the achievement of applicable state standards for students. To receive
27 credit, a student shall submit a written request for credit and proof of successful
28 completion of the extended learning opportunity to a designated administrator of the
29 school the student attends.

30 5. Each local school district and charter school shall adopt, distribute, and
31 implement extended learning opportunities policies that provide all of the following:

32 (1) An application process for accepting and approving extended learning
33 opportunities offered for credit from outside entities;

34 (2) A list of entities that are eligible to submit applications to offer extended
35 learning opportunities including, but not limited to:

36 (a) Nonprofit organizations;

37 (b) Businesses with established locations;

38 (c) Trade associations; and

39 (d) The Armed Forces of the United States, subject to applicable age
40 requirements;

41 (3) A process for students and parents to request credit;

42 (4) Criteria that school districts and charter schools shall use to determine
43 whether a proposed extended learning opportunity shall be approved; and

44 (5) Criteria that school districts and charter schools shall use to award a
45 certificate of completion and credit for completing an extended learning opportunity
46 including, but not limited to, allowing a student to demonstrate competencies through
47 performance-based assessments and other methods independent of instructional time
48 and credit hours.

49 6. An entity approved by the state board of education to offer an extended
50 learning opportunity shall be automatically qualified to offer that extended learning
51 opportunity to all school districts and charter schools.

52 7. A student who successfully completes an approved extended learning
53 opportunity and satisfies criteria for the award of a certification of completion and
54 credit under subdivision (5) of subsection 5 of this section shall be considered to have

55 **completed all required coursework for the particular course. In an extended learning**
56 **opportunity that satisfies all required coursework for a high school course, the student**
57 **shall also be considered to have satisfied the equivalent number of credits toward the**
58 **student's graduation requirements.**

59 **8. Any policy or procedure adopted by the state board of education, a school**
60 **board, or a charter school for participating in an extended learning opportunity shall**
61 **provide every student an equal opportunity to participate and shall satisfy established**
62 **timelines and requirements for purposes of transcribing credits and state reporting.**

63 **9. The state board of education may promulgate rules to implement the**
64 **provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section**
65 **536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become**
66 **effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,**
67 **if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter are nonseverable and if any of**
68 **the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay**
69 **the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**
70 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**
71 **adopted after August 28, 2023, shall be invalid and void.**

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