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HOUSE BILL NO. 502

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HALEY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 9.138, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to science, technology, engineering, and math week.

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

Section A. Section 9.138, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 9.138, to read as follows:

9.138. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the first week of March as [~~"Math, Engineering, Technology and Science (METS) Week"~~] "**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Week**", and recommending to the people of the state that the week be appropriately observed through activities that will result in an increased awareness of the importance of advancing community interest in [~~math, engineering, technology, and science~~] **science, technology, engineering, and math** programs, and promote [~~METS~~] **STEM** careers statewide in order to advance Missouri's workforce. The proclamation shall also recommend that the week be observed with appropriate activities in public schools. Public and private involvement in [~~METS~~] **STEM** week demonstrates that fostering and encouraging interest in the sciences is a major factor in determining growth and success in school and will help students develop a focus on technology-based careers after graduation.

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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.