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102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE POLLITT.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 163.018, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to early childhood education programs.

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

Section A. Section 163.018, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 163.018, to read as follows:

163.018. 1. (1) Notwithstanding the definition of average daily attendance in subdivision (2) of section 163.011 to the contrary, pupils ~~[between the ages of three and five]~~ **who do not otherwise qualify under subdivision (3) of this subsection, are three or four years of age, and** who are eligible for free and reduced price lunch and attend an early childhood education program:

(a) That is operated by and in a district or by a charter school that has declared itself as a local educational agency providing full-day kindergarten and that meets standards established by the state board of education; or

(b) That is under contract with a district or charter school that has declared itself as a local educational agency and that meets standards established by the state board of education;

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12 shall be included in the district's or charter school's calculation of average daily attendance.

13 The total number of such pupils included in the district's or charter school's calculation of

14 average daily attendance shall not exceed four percent of the total number of pupils who are

15 eligible for free and reduced price lunch between the ages of five and eighteen who are

16 included in the district's or charter school's calculation of average daily attendance.

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 (2) If a pupil described under subdivision (1) of this subsection leaves an early
18 childhood education program during the school year, a district or charter school shall be
19 allowed to fill the vacant enrollment spot with another pupil [~~between the ages of three and~~
20 ~~five who is eligible for free and reduced price lunch]~~ **who qualifies under subdivision (1) of**
21 **this subsection** without affecting the district's or charter school's calculation of average daily
22 attendance.

23 (3) (a) **Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, beginning in**
24 **the 2023-24 school year, in addition to any state aid remitted to school districts and**
25 **charter schools under section 163.031, the department of elementary and secondary**
26 **education shall remit to school districts and charter schools an amount equal to the**
27 **product of the state adequacy target and the dollar-value modifier, as such terms are**
28 **defined in section 163.011, and the average daily attendance of pupils who are eligible**
29 **for free and reduced price lunch and who attend, in the year prior to their kindergarten**
30 **enrollment eligibility, an early childhood education program:**

31 a. **That is operated by and in a district or by a charter school that has declared**
32 **itself as a local educational agency providing full-day kindergarten and that meets**
33 **standards established by the state board of education; or**

34 b. **That is under contract with a district or charter school that has declared itself**
35 **as a local educational agency and that meets standards established by the state board of**
36 **education.**

37 (b) **This subdivision shall not apply to those pupils receiving services under**
38 **section 162.700.**

39 2. In establishing standards for any early childhood education program that is under
40 contract with a district or charter school that has declared itself as a local educational agency,
41 the state board of education shall consider:

42 (1) Whether a program offers full-day and full-year programming;

43 (2) Whether a program has teacher-to-child ratios consistent with reasonable
44 standards set by early childhood education program accrediting agencies;

45 (3) Whether a program offers professional development supports for educators and
46 the type of supports offered;

47 (4) Whether a program uses appropriately credentialed educators;

48 (5) Whether a program uses an early childhood education curriculum that has been
49 approved by the department of elementary and secondary education and whether the
50 curriculum is developmentally appropriate; and

51 (6) Any other factor that the state board of education determines to be significant in
52 ensuring that children achieve high levels of kindergarten readiness.

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54 The state board of education shall require that staff members of any early childhood education
55 program that is under contract with a district or charter school that has declared itself as a
56 local educational agency undergo background checks as described in section 168.133.

57 3. This section shall not require school attendance beyond that mandated under
58 section 167.031 and shall not change or amend the provisions of sections 160.051, 160.053,
59 160.054, and 160.055 relating to kindergarten attendance.

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