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AN ACT

To amend chapter 163, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to local control school districts.

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

Section A. Chapter 163, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 163.201, to read as follows:

163.201. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Department", the department of elementary and secondary education;

(2) "Foundation formula", the method of calculating state aid for public school districts established in this chapter;

(3) "Local control school district", any public school district that is not a charter school and receives local funding through personal property taxes, real estate taxes, and Proposition C revenues from the school district trust fund under section 163.087 that equals at least seventy-five percent of the foundation formula model;

(4) "Local effort of per pupil funding", the percentage of a school district's funding derived from local tax revenues and Proposition C revenues from the school district trust fund under section 163.087;

(5) "Nationally recognized assessment test", any nationally normed standardized test that measures student achievement in reading, English language arts, and mathematics, reduces redundant testing, and ensures that the assessment results provide transparent, consistent information about student achievement.

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.

16 **2. Any public school district that is not a charter school and has a local effort of**
17 **per pupil funding of at least seventy-five percent shall be designated as a local control**
18 **school district.**

19 **3. A local control school district shall not be required by the department to**
20 **participate in:**

21 **(1) The Missouri school improvement program;**

22 **(2) Annual performance reviews by the department;**

23 **(3) Developing standards of teaching to be provided to the department as set**
24 **forth in section 160.045; or**

25 **(4) The maintaining of a school improvement plan in any format provided by or**
26 **approved by the department.**

27 **4. The local board of education for a local control school district may decide by a**
28 **majority vote to require the district to develop and publicly display a continuous**
29 **improvement plan for the district.**

30 **5. A local control school district shall not be assigned the classification of**
31 **unaccredited, provisionally accredited, accredited, or accredited with distinction based**
32 **on the standards of the Missouri school improvement program.**

33 **6. A local control school district shall have the ability to choose any nationally**
34 **recognized assessment test program for students in lieu of the Missouri assessment**
35 **program. The local control school district shall notify the state board of education of its**
36 **intent to use such assessment test by June thirtieth prior to the following school year.**

37 **7. A local control school district may continue to receive state aid through the**
38 **foundation formula, provided the district's local effort of per pupil funding stays within**
39 **the requirements set forth in subsection 2 of this section.**

40 **8. A local control school district may apply for state and federal grants only if**
41 **the district's local effort of per pupil funding stays within the requirements set forth in**
42 **subsection 2 of this section.**

43 **9. A local control school district that fails to meet the requirements of subsection**
44 **2 of this section in any fiscal year shall have two fiscal years in which to meet these**
45 **requirements. If after two fiscal years the local control school district still does not meet**
46 **the requirements of subsection 2 of this section, the local control school district shall lose**
47 **its designation as a local control school district until it meets these requirements for at**
48 **least one fiscal year.**