

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By

1 AMEND Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 727, Pages 3  
2 to 4, Section 135.713, Lines 57 to 66, by deleting all of the said lines and inserting in lieu thereof  
3 the following:  
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5 "5. (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this section, the provisions of sections  
6 135.712 to 135.719 and sections 166.700 to 166.720 shall [be effective] apply in any fiscal year  
7 immediately subsequent to any fiscal year in which the amount appropriated for pupil transportation  
8 under section 163.161 equals or exceeds [forty] seventy percent of the projected amount necessary  
9 to fully fund transportation aid funding [for fiscal year 2021].

10 (2) If the amount appropriated for transportation under section 163.161 in any succeeding  
11 year falls below such amount required under subdivision (1) of this subsection, no tax credits shall  
12 be allocated to taxpayers and no additional scholarships for newly qualified students shall be  
13 awarded under 135.712 to 135.719 and sections 166.700 to 166.720 until the appropriation amount  
14 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection are met."; and  
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16 Further amend said bill, Page 27, Section 160.400, and Line 301, by inserting after all of the said  
17 section and line the following:  
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19 "19. (1) For the 2024-25 school year and all subsequent years, before a charter school may  
20 be established under this section, the sponsoring entity of the proposed charter school shall conduct  
21 and submit a community-needs feasibility study to the state board of education and the Missouri  
22 charter public school commission.

23 (2) The study shall address the following questions relating to such charter school  
24 expansion:

25 (a) Does the community have sufficient demand for a charter school or additional charter school  
26 expansion;

27 (b) Is the expansion of charter schools financially feasible in such community;

28 (c) Does the proposed charter plan provide for instruction equity and diversity;

29 (d) Would the opening or expansion of a charter school in the community have an impact on  
30 desegregation efforts; and

31 (e) Other questions deemed necessary by the state board or the commission.

32 20. Notwithstanding other provision of law to the contrary, beginning in the 2024-25 school  
33 year, the state board of education is hereby authorized to make a final determination on whether to  
34 authorize the expansion of a new charter school to an existing school district."; and

Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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2 Further amend said bill, Page 37, Section 160.415, and Line 295, by inserting after all of the said  
3 section and line the following:  
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5 "160.425. 1. The "Missouri Charter Public School Commission" is hereby created with the  
6 authority to sponsor high quality charter schools throughout the state of Missouri.

7 2. The commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the governor, by and with  
8 the advice and consent of the senate. No more than five of the members shall be of the same  
9 political party. ~~[No more than two members shall be from the same congressional district.]~~ The  
10 term of office of each member shall be four years, except those of the members first appointed, of  
11 which three shall be appointed for a term of one year, two for a term of two years, two for a term of  
12 three years, and two for a term of four years. At the expiration of the term of each member, the  
13 governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint a successor.

14 3. The appointees to the commission shall be selected as follows:

15 (1) One member selected by the governor from a slate of three recommended by the  
16 commissioner of education;

17 (2) One member selected by the governor from a slate of three recommended by the  
18 commissioner of higher education;

19 (3) One member selected by the governor from a slate of three recommended by the  
20 president pro tempore of the senate;

21 (4) One member selected by the governor from a slate of three recommended by the speaker  
22 of the house of representatives; and

23 (5) Five additional members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be selected from  
24 a slate of three nominees recommended by the Missouri School Boards Association.

25 4. Members appointed to the commission shall collectively possess strong experience and  
26 expertise in governance, management and finance, school leadership, assessment, curriculum and  
27 instruction, and education law. All members of the commission shall have demonstrated  
28 understanding of and commitment to charter schooling as a strategy for strengthening public  
29 education and members shall reside in a school district that currently has a charter school  
30 established within such district.

31 5. The commission shall annually elect a chairperson and vice chairperson, who shall act as  
32 chairperson in his or her absence. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson. The  
33 chairperson may call meetings at such times as he or she deems advisable and shall call a meeting  
34 when requested to do so by three or more members of the commission. Members of the commission  
35 are not eligible to receive compensation.

36 6. The commission may approve proposed charters for its sponsorship under sections  
37 160.400 to 160.425 and shall:

38 (1) Comply with all of the requirements applicable to sponsors under sections 160.400 to  
39 160.425;

40 (2) Exercise sponsorship over charters approved by the commission under sections 160.400  
41 to 160.425, including receipt of sponsorship funding under subsection 11 of section 160.400.  
42 Sponsorship funding due to the commission shall be deposited to the credit of the charter public  
43 school commission revolving fund created pursuant to this section.

44 7. Charter schools sponsored by the commission shall comply with all of the requirements  
45 applicable to charter schools under sections 160.400 to 160.425.

46 8. The commission shall conduct its business in accordance with chapter 610.

47 9. The department of elementary and secondary education shall provide start-up funding for  
48 the commission to operate. The commission shall reimburse the department's costs from any funds  
49 it receives as sponsor under section 160.400.

1           10. The commission is authorized to receive and expend gifts, grants, and donations of any  
2 kind from any public or private entity to carry out the purposes of sections 160.400 to 160.425,  
3 subject to the terms and conditions under which they are given, provided that all such terms and  
4 conditions are permissible under law.

5           11. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Charter Public School Commission  
6 Revolving Fund", which shall consist of moneys collected under this section. The state treasurer  
7 shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer  
8 may approve disbursements. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any  
9 moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general  
10 revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds  
11 are invested. Subject to appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the  
12 administration of this section."; and

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14 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
15 accordingly.