

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 727, Page 101, Section
2 168.021, Lines 28-47, by deleting all of the said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
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4 "b. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop and maintain criteria for an
5 eighteen-hour (one thousand eighty minutes) online teacher preparation program related to subjects
6 appropriate for elementary and secondary education settings;

7 (i) The department shall publish such criteria for the online teacher preparation program on the
8 department website along with a process for the approval of such teacher preparation programs;

9 (ii) Any charitable organization registered in Missouri that is exempt from federal taxation under the
10 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, may submit a teacher preparation program meeting the criteria
11 developed by the department for approval by the department.

12 (iii) The department shall approve or deny all such submissions within thirty days. If any submission
13 is denied, the department shall provide the reason for such denial in writing to the to the organization and on
14 the department website. The department shall maintain on the department website a list of all organizations
15 that have applied for approval and the status of such application for a minimum of ninety days. Charitable
16 organizations shall be allowed to resubmit a proposed program for reevaluation and approval, provided the
17 department criteria are met upon subsequent evaluation;

18 (iv) Any charitable organization with an approved program shall be certified to develop and maintain
19 a teacher preparedness program. Approved teacher preparedness programs created by a charitable
20 organization shall be made available by the department of elementary and secondary education by a link on
21 the department website;

22 (v) An individual with a bachelor's degree may complete an eighteen-hour online training program,
23 approved by the department and offered by a charitable organization, and upon completion receive a teacher
24 certificate;

25 (vi) Such teacher certificates:

26 i. Shall not be accepted by Missouri public schools as a valid teaching certificate under this section;

27 ii. May be accepted by private schools; and

28 iii. Shall be accepted by any private school accrediting agencies authorized to provide accreditation
29 of private schools in Missouri;"; and

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

Action Taken _____ Date _____