

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1946, Page 1, Section A, Line 4, by
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "37.850. 1. The commissioner of administration shall maintain the Missouri accountability
5 portal established in executive order 07-24 as a free, internet-based tool allowing citizens to demand
6 fiscal discipline and responsibility.

7 2. The Missouri accountability portal shall consist of an easy-to-search database of financial
8 transactions related to:

9 (1) The purchase of goods and services and the distribution of funds for state programs;

10 (2) All bonds issued by any public institution of higher education, public school district, or
11 political subdivision of this state or its designated authority after August 28, 2013;

12 (3) All obligations issued or incurred pursuant to section 99.820 by any political subdivision
13 of this state or its designated authority; ~~and~~

14 (4) The revenue stream pledged to repay such bonds or obligations;

15 (5) All forms of compensation and benefits paid to or on behalf of public employees,
16 including employees of political subdivisions, public institutions of higher education, public school
17 districts, and public charter schools; and

18 (6) All debt incurred by any public charter school.

19 3. The Missouri accountability portal shall be updated each state business day and
20 maintained as the primary source of information about the activity of Missouri's government.

21 4. Upon the conducting of a withholding or a release of funds, the governor shall submit a
22 report stating all amounts withheld from the state's operating budget for the current fiscal year, as
23 authorized by Article IV, Section 27 of the Missouri Constitution which shall be:

24 (1) Conspicuously posted on the accountability portal website;

25 (2) Searchable by the amounts withheld or released from each individual fund; and

26 (3) Searchable by the total amount withheld or released from the operating budget.

27 5. Every political subdivision of the state, including public institutions of higher education
28 ~~[but excluding]~~, public school districts, and public charter schools shall supply all information
29 described in subsection 2 of this section to the office of administration within ~~[seven days of issuing~~
30 ~~or incurring such corresponding bond or obligation. For all such bonds or obligations issued or~~

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1 ~~incurred prior to August 28, 2013, every such political subdivision and public institution of higher~~
 2 ~~education shall have ninety days to supply such information to] the number of days and in a manner
 3 to be determined by the office of administration.~~

4 6. Every school district and public charter school shall supply all information described in
 5 subdivisions (2), (4), (5), and (6) of subsection 2 of this section to the department of elementary and
 6 secondary education [within seven days of issuing such bond, or incurring such debt]. The
 7 department of elementary and secondary education shall have forty-eight hours to deliver such
 8 information to the office of administration. [~~For all such bonds issued or debt incurred prior to~~
 9 ~~August 28, 2013, every school district and public charter school shall have ninety days to supply~~
 10 ~~such information to the department of elementary and secondary education. The department of~~
 11 ~~elementary and secondary education shall have forty-eight hours to deliver such information to the~~
 12 ~~office of administration.]"; and~~

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 14 Further amend said bill, Page 7, Section 160.663, Line 49, by inserting after all of said section and
 15 line the following:

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 17 "161.841. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Parents' Bill of Rights
 18 Act".

19 2. As used in this section, the term "parent" means a child's parent, guardian, or other person
 20 having control or custody of the child.

21 3. This section shall be construed to empower parents with the right to enroll their minor
 22 child in a public school or, as an alternative to public education, a private school, including a
 23 religious school, a home education program, or other available option, as authorized by law, and to
 24 empower parents to exercise the following rights against school districts and public schools in which
 25 their children are enrolled that receive any federal or state moneys:

26 (1) The right to know what their minor child is being taught in school including, but not
 27 limited to, curricula adopted under section 160.514;

28 (2) The right to receive information, upon request, about who is teaching their minor child
 29 including, but not limited to, guest lecturers and outside presenters;

30 (3) The right to receive information, upon request, about individuals and organizations
 31 receiving school contracts and funding in the school in which their minor child is enrolled, except
 32 that no personally identifiable information about any student shall be released;

33 (4) The right to visit the school and check in on their minor child during school hours;

34 (5) The right to view and, upon request, receive all school records, medical or otherwise,
 35 concerning their minor child;

36 (6) The right to receive information about the collection and transmission of their minor
 37 child's data;

38 (7) The right to have sufficient and effective accountability and transparency regarding
 39 school boards; and

1 (8) The right to know about situations affecting their minor child's safety in school.

2 4. (1) Each school district and charter school shall develop policies and procedures for such
3 school district and charter school to follow to accommodate and assist parents in the exercise of the
4 parental rights to know and receive information as described in subsection 3 of this section. Such
5 policies and procedures shall describe the methods such school district and charter school shall use
6 to allow parents to exercise such parental rights to the fullest extent.

7 (2) Each school board and charter school's governing board shall affirm the board's
8 commitment to ensuring sufficient and effective accountability and transparency to parents in the
9 school district by adopting policies that:

10 (a) Recognize and affirm the protected right of parents to seek effective means of outreach
11 to supervise and guide the education of their minor child;

12 (b) Assist parents in the exercise of parental rights to the fullest extent;

13 (c) Encourage communication between parents and board members relating to parental
14 rights and parental concerns about their minor child's education and educational experience;

15 (d) Collaborate with parents to identify ways in which parents can exercise parental rights
16 and communicate such ways to parents in a clear, consistent manner that can be easily understood
17 by all parents; and

18 (e) Conduct board meetings in compliance with section 162.058, subject to the authorized
19 closure of any portion of such meeting under section 610.021 when such meeting pertains to
20 curricula or general safety.

21 (3) Each school board and charter school's governing board shall adopt such policies and
22 procedures for the 2025-26 school year and all subsequent school years.

23 5. Each school district and public school shall develop policies and procedures for such
24 school district or public school to follow to notify parents in a timely manner of all reported
25 incidents pertaining to student safety including, but not limited to, any instance of a teacher or other
26 school employee being detained or arrested for or charged with any felony or misdemeanor and any
27 act or instance reportable under subsection 1, 2, or 3 of section 167.117, except that no personally
28 identifiable information about any individual involved shall be released.

29 6. (1) Each school district and public school shall adopt reasonable procedures for parents
30 to follow when exercising the parental right to visit the school and their minor child during school
31 hours.

32 (2) Each school district and public school shall adopt reasonable procedures for parents to
33 follow:

34 (a) During an emergency in which the safety of the students requires:

35 a. A lockdown to limit exposure of building occupants to an imminent hazard or threat; or

36 b. A lockout to prevent an outside hazard or threat from entering the building; or

37 (b) When such school district or public school is required to prohibit an individual from
38 having any interaction with a minor child that violates any order entered under any provision of
39 state or federal law restricting or prohibiting such individual from interacting with such minor child.

1 7. No school district or public school shall require nondisclosure agreements or similar
2 forms for a parent's review of curricula. Each public school or school district shall allow parents to
3 make a copy of curriculum documents or receive such curriculum documents in an electronic
4 format, provided that no request would cause an infringement of copyright protections provided
5 under the federal Copyright Act of 1976 (17 U.S.C. Section 101 et seq.), as amended.

6 8. No school district or public school shall require nondisclosure agreements or similar
7 forms for a parent's review of individualized education program meetings, mediations, due process
8 hearings, or other dispute resolution options as outlined in accordance with 34 CFR 300.320 to
9 300.324 and under 20 U.S.C. Section 1401, as amended.

10 9. No school district or public school shall allow student involvement in school assemblies,
11 except for assemblies organized solely for the support of student athletics or co-curricular events, or
12 field trips unless the child's parents provide written authorization for such student involvement.

13 10. No school district or public school shall collect any biometric data or other sensitive
14 personal information about a minor child without obtaining written parental consent before
15 collecting such data or information.

16 11. No school district or public school shall provide any school records as described in
17 subdivision (5) of subsection 3 of this section in violation of any relevant state or federal privacy
18 law or policy protecting or limiting access to such minor child's school records.

19 12. No employee of any public school or school district shall encourage, coerce, or attempt
20 to coerce a minor child to withhold information from such minor child's parents; provided, however,
21 that any such person required to report suspected abuse or neglect under sections 210.109 to
22 210.183 may encourage a minor child to withhold information where disclosure could reasonably
23 result in abuse or neglect.

24 13. (1) The attorney general of this state or any parent of a minor child enrolled in a school
25 district or a public school may bring a civil action for injunctive relief against the school district or
26 public school in which their child is enrolled if such school district or public school violates this
27 section. Such action shall be brought in the county where the violation occurred.

28 (2) (a) If a court finds that the school district or public school has knowingly engaged in
29 multiple or repeated violations of this section, the department of elementary and secondary
30 education shall withhold all moneys provided by monthly distribution of state formula funding to
31 such school district or public school until such school district or public school is in compliance with
32 this section.

33 (b) If a court finds that the facts alleged in a petition filed under this section are unfounded
34 and that the petition was filed frivolously and in bad faith, the petitioner shall be responsible for the
35 school district's or public school's reasonable attorney's fees attributable to the defense of the
36 petition.

37 (3) After the school district or public school provides evidence that such school district or
38 public school is in compliance with this section, the department shall restore the distribution of the
39 funding to its original amount before the distribution was withheld.

1 (4) Any moneys that were withheld under this subsection shall be released to such school
2 district or public school only if such school district or public school establishes compliance with this
3 section within one year of the court finding that the school district or public school violated this
4 section.

5 14. This section shall not be construed to limit the inalienable rights of a parent or taxpayer,
6 regardless of whether such rights are enumerated in the provisions of this section."; and

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8 Further amend said bill, Page 13, Section 167.624, Line 10, by inserting after all of said section and
9 line the following:

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11 "170.231. 1. The school board of each school district and the governing board of each
12 charter school shall provide that all public school instructional material intended for use in
13 connection with any public school classroom instruction, or any public school research or
14 experimentation program or project, shall be available for inspection by any person. For the
15 purpose of this section, "classroom instruction" shall mean any public school instruction involving
16 teachers and students or peers and students; "research or experimentation program or project" shall
17 mean any public school research or experimentation program or project designed to explore or
18 develop new and unproven teaching methods and techniques.

19 2. (1) The school board of each school district and the governing board of each charter
20 school shall prominently post on the home page of the school board's or charter school's website, in
21 such a manner that the information is available to the public, curricula adopted under section
22 160.514 that is intended for use by such school district or charter school in connection with school
23 instruction in math, social studies, science, English, foreign language, fine arts, health, physical
24 education, and vocational education. If such school board or governing board adopts a change of
25 any curriculum used by such school district or charter school, such school board's or charter school's
26 website shall be updated within thirty days after such change is adopted.

27 (2) The school board of each school district and the governing board of each charter school
28 shall notify parents and guardians that the curriculum list on the website has been updated by
29 posting a notice on such school board's or charter school's website and providing notice in a
30 newsletter or other written communication that is regularly distributed to parents and guardians.

31 (3) Where the curricular materials being made available to parents for review are subject to
32 copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property protection, the review process shall include
33 technical and procedural safeguards to ensure that the materials are not able to be widely
34 disseminated to the general public in violation of the intellectual property rights of the publisher and
35 content validity is not undermined.

36 (4) (a) The school board of each school district and the governing board of each charter
37 school shall prominently post on the home page of the school district or charter school's website, in
38 such a manner that the information is available to the public, a link that will provide access to the

1 title, author, and bibliographic information for all books available for students to read or access
 2 through the district or charter school's library management system.

3 (b) Each school district and charter school shall provide a system by which a parent or legal
 4 guardian may be notified, upon request, of books accessed by such parent or legal guardian's
 5 student.

6 (5) (a) The attorney general of this state or any parent of a minor child enrolled in a school
 7 district or a public school may bring a civil action for injunctive relief against the school district or
 8 public school in which their child is enrolled if such school district or public school violates this
 9 subsection. Such action shall be brought in the county where the violation occurred.

10 (b) a. If a court finds that the school district or public school has knowingly engaged in
 11 multiple or repeated violations of this subsection, the department of elementary and secondary
 12 education shall withhold all moneys provided by monthly distribution of state formula funding to
 13 such school district or public school until such school district or public school is in compliance with
 14 this subsection.

15 b. If a court finds that the facts alleged in a petition filed under this section are unfounded
 16 and that the petition was filed frivolously and in bad faith, the petitioner shall be responsible for the
 17 school district's or public school's reasonable attorney's fees attributable to the defense of the
 18 petition.

19 (c) After the school district or public school provides evidence that such school district or
 20 public school is in compliance with this subsection, the department shall restore the distribution of
 21 the funding to its original amount before the distribution was withheld.

22 (d) Any moneys that were withheld under this subsection shall be released to such school
 23 district or public school only if such school district or public school establishes compliance with this
 24 subsection within one year of the court finding that the school district or public school violated this
 25 subsection.

26 (6) This subsection shall apply in the 2025-26 school year and all subsequent school years.";
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 29 Further amend said bill, Page 14, Section 170.315, Line 50, by inserting after all of said section and
 30 line the following:

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 32 "170.355. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

33 (1) "Parent", a student's parent, guardian, or other person having control or custody of the
 34 student;

35 (2) "School", a public school or school district as such terms are defined in section 160.011.
 36 2. No school or school employee shall compel a teacher or student to personally adopt,
 37 affirm, adhere to, or profess ideas in violation of Title IV or Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act
 38 of 1964, as amended, including the following:

1 (1) That individuals of any race, ethnicity, color, or national origin are inherently superior or
2 inferior;

3 (2) That individuals should be adversely or advantageously treated on the basis of individual
4 race, ethnicity, color, or national origin; or

5 (3) That individuals, by virtue of their race, ethnicity, color, or national origin, bear
6 collective guilt and are inherently responsible for actions committed in the past by other members of
7 the same race, ethnicity, color, or national origin.

8 3. No course of instruction or unit of study offered by any school shall direct or otherwise
9 compel students to personally affirm, adopt, or adhere to any of the ideas listed in subsection 2 of
10 this section.

11 4. No course of instruction, unit of study, professional development, or training program
12 shall direct or otherwise compel teachers to personally affirm, adopt, or adhere to any of the ideas
13 listed in subsection 2 of this section.

14 5. (1) No school employee, when acting in the course of such employee's official duties,
15 shall organize, participate in, or carry out any act or communication that would violate subsection 2
16 of this section.

17 (2) This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit a school employee from discussing the
18 ideas and history of the ideas listed in subsection 2 of this section.

19 6. This section shall not be construed to prohibit teachers or students from discussing public
20 policy issues or ideas that individuals may find unwelcome, disagreeable, or offensive.

21 7. Students, parents, or teachers may file a complaint with the department of elementary and
22 secondary education or with the state attorney general's office regarding any violation of this
23 section."; and

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