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HOUSE BILL NO. 1486

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHIELDS.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 163.018, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to state funding for 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Section A. Section 163.018, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 163.018, to read as follows: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 this subdivision**
21 without affecting the district's or charter school's calculation of average daily attendance.

22 (3) **(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, beginning in**
23 **the 2024-25 school year, in addition to any state aid remitted to school districts and**
24 **charter schools under section 163.031, the department of elementary and secondary**
25 **education shall remit to school districts and charter schools an amount equal to the**
26 **product of the state adequacy target and the dollar-value modifier, as such terms are**
27 **defined in section 163.011, and the average daily attendance of pupils who are eligible**
28 **for free and reduced price lunch and who attend an early childhood education program**
29 **in the year prior to their kindergarten enrollment eligibility:**

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

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

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

38 2. **Any increase in a school district's average daily attendance that occurs as a**
39 **result of the provisions of subsection 1 of this section shall not disqualify such school**
40 **district for any state aid payments pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section**
41 **163.031 or any payments of funds appropriated pursuant to the provisions of section**
42 **163.044.**

43 3. **In establishing standards for any early childhood education program that is under**
44 **contract with a district or charter school that has declared itself as a local educational agency,**
45 **the state board of education shall consider:**

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

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

49 (3) **Whether a program offers professional development supports for educators and**
50 **the type of supports offered;**

51 (4) **Whether a program uses appropriately credentialed educators;**

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

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

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

61 ~~3-~~ 4. This section shall not require school attendance beyond that mandated under
62 section 167.031 and shall not change or amend the provisions of sections 160.051, 160.053,
63 160.054, and 160.055 relating to kindergarten attendance.

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