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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 2612**  
**102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 186, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the use of technology in schools.

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

Section A. Chapter 186, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 186.095, to read as follows:

- 186.095. 1. The commissioner of education shall establish an educational technology impact advisory council. The council shall consist of no more than twenty-five members, appointed by the commissioner, and shall include members representing the following stakeholder groups:**
- (1) School boards;**
  - (2) Charter schools;**
  - (3) Virtual schools;**
  - (4) School superintendents;**
  - (5) Elementary and secondary building principals;**
  - (6) At least five teachers, including a teacher with expertise in each of the following:**
    - (a) Reading instruction;**
    - (b) Writing instruction;**
    - (c) Math instruction;**
    - (d) Science instruction; and**
    - (e) Early childhood education;**
  - (7) At least one special education educator and one early childhood special educator;**

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.

19           **(8) At least two parents of elementary and secondary school-age pupils: one**  
20 **parent whose child has struggled with literacy proficiency and one parent whose child**  
21 **has struggled with math;**

22           **(9) One first steps provider;**

23           **(10) One member from a dyslexia advocacy group;**

24           **(11) At least one faculty member of an institution of higher education with**  
25 **approved teacher preparation program;**

26           **(12) A pediatric mental health professional or board certified behavioral analyst**  
27 **licensed in the state, preferably with experience in technology and behavioral responses;**

28           **(13) A medical professional with expertise in child health and development;**

29           **(14) A professional with expertise in occupational therapy; and**

30           **(15) A professional with expertise in educational assessment data analysis.**

31           **2. The department shall provide necessary staff and resources for the work of**  
32 **the advisory council.**

33           **3. (1) The council shall meet at least four times per year for a minimum of one**  
34 **hundred twenty minutes per meeting without cancellations to review best practices in**  
35 **the use of technology in instruction and related policy provisions. Items and**  
36 **information related to such best practices and policies shall include, but not be**  
37 **limited to:**

38           **(a) Impacts on educational outcomes;**

39           **(b) Impacts on behavioral and discipline outcomes;**

40           **(c) Impacts on special education;**

41           **(d) Impacts on early childhood brain development, including reading and**  
42 **writing skills;**

43           **(e) The inclusion of artificial intelligence;**

44           **(f) The deterioration of student competency in reading, writing, arithmetic, and**  
45 **science;**

46           **(g) The dehumanization of education in many environments and the distortion**  
47 **of the relationship between teachers and students;**

48           **(h) The isolation of students in a digital and virtual world that distances students**  
49 **from any form of social interaction; and**

50           **(i) Other such items and information to be determined by the council.**

51           **(2) The council shall meet for the first time for purposes of this subsection before**  
52 **December 1, 2024, and the whole council or a subcommittee thereof shall hold at least**  
53 **three additional meetings for purposes of this subsection before July 1, 2025.**

54           **(3) The council shall submit a summary of the council's actions,**  
55 **recommendations, and policy proposals to the state board of education, the**

56 **committee on elementary and secondary education of the Missouri house of**  
57 **representatives or a successor committee, and the committee on education and**  
58 **workforce development of the Missouri senate or a successor committee. The**  
59 **recommendations may include recommendations for changes to state statute, and the**  
60 **commissioner shall furnish any such recommendations to the joint committee on**  
61 **education. Such submission shall be accomplished in public hearings. Such summary**  
62 **shall be updated at least every two years to provide additional information regarding**  
63 **the council's actions, recommendations, and policy proposals.**

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