

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 150, Page 1, Section
2 A, Line 4, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

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4 "160.2700. For purposes of sections 160.2700 to 160.2725, "adult high school" means a
5 school that:

6 (1) Is for individuals who do not have a high school diploma and who are [~~twenty-one~~
7 eighteen years of age or older;

8 (2) Offers an industry certification program or programs and a high school diploma in a
9 manner that allows students to earn a diploma at the same time that they earn an industry
10 certification;

11 (3) Offers child care for children of enrolled students attending the school; and

12 (4) Is not eligible to receive funding under section 160.415 or 163.031.

13 160.2705. 1. The department of social services shall authorize Missouri-based nonprofit
14 organizations meeting the criteria of this section to establish and operate up to five adult high
15 schools, with:

16 (1) One adult high school to be located in a city not within a county;

17 (2) One adult high school to be located in a county of the third classification without a
18 township form of government and with more than forty-one thousand but fewer than forty-five
19 thousand inhabitants or a county contiguous to that county;

20 (3) One adult high school to be located in a county of the first classification with more than
21 two hundred sixty thousand but fewer than three hundred thousand inhabitants or a county
22 contiguous to that county;

23 (4) One adult high school to be located in a county of the first classification with more than
24 one hundred fifty thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants; and

25 (5) One adult high school to be located in a county with more than seven hundred thousand
26 but fewer than eight hundred thousand inhabitants, or a contiguous county.

27 2. The department of social services shall administer funding to adult high schools subject to
28 appropriations. The department shall be responsible for granting and maintaining authorization for
29 adult high schools. For adult high schools in operation prior to January 1, 2023, the department
30 shall maintain authorization for the nonprofit organization to operate the schools, subject to

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1 compliance with this section. No more than one organization shall be authorized to operate an adult
 2 high school at each location described in subsection 1 of this section. An organization may establish
 3 satellite campuses for any adult high school it is authorized to operate. The department shall
 4 administer funding for satellite campuses subject to appropriations.

5 3. On or before January 1, 2024, the department of social services shall select an eligible
 6 Missouri-based nonprofit organization to operate in a location described in subdivision (5) of
 7 subsection 1 of this section. An eligible organization shall:

8 (1) Demonstrate the ability to establish, within twenty-one months of the receipt of the
 9 authorization, an adult high school offering high school diplomas, an industry certification program
 10 or programs, and child care for children of the students attending the high schools;

11 (2) Demonstrate the ability to commit at least five hundred thousand dollars for the purpose
 12 of establishing the necessary infrastructure at the adult high school;

13 (3) Demonstrate substantial and positive experience in providing services, including
 14 industry certifications and job placement services, to adults ~~[twenty-one]~~ eighteen years of age or
 15 older whose educational and training opportunities have been limited by educational disadvantages,
 16 disabilities, homelessness, criminal history, or similar circumstances;

17 (4) Establish a partnership with a state-supported postsecondary education institution or
 18 more than one such partnership, if a partnership or partnerships are necessary in order to meet the
 19 requirements for an adult high school;

20 (5) Establish a comprehensive plan that sets forth how the adult high schools will help
 21 address the need for a sufficiently trained workforce in the surrounding region for each adult high
 22 school;

23 (6) Establish partnerships and strategies for engaging the community and business leaders in
 24 carrying out the goals of each adult high school;

25 (7) Establish the ability to meet quality standards through certified teachers and programs
 26 that support each student in such student's goal to find a more rewarding job;

27 (8) Establish a plan for assisting students in overcoming barriers to educational success
 28 including, but not limited to, educational disadvantages, homelessness, criminal history, disability,
 29 including learning disability such as dyslexia, and similar circumstances;

30 (9) Establish a process for determining outcomes of the adult high school, including
 31 outcomes related to a student's ability to find a more rewarding job through the attainment of a high
 32 school diploma and job training and certification; and

33 (10) Limit the administrative fee to no more than ten percent.

34 4. (1) The department of elementary and secondary education shall establish academic
 35 requirements for students to obtain high school diplomas.

36 (2) Requirements for a high school diploma shall be based on an adult student's prior high
 37 school achievement and the remaining credits and coursework that would be necessary for the
 38 student to receive a high school diploma if such student were in a traditional high school setting.

1 The adult student shall meet the requirements with the same level of academic rigor as would
2 otherwise be necessary to attain such credits.

3 (3) The adult high school authorized under this section shall award high school diplomas to
4 students who successfully meet the established academic requirements. The adult high school
5 authorized under this section shall confer the diploma as though the student earned the diploma at a
6 traditional high school. The diploma shall have no differentiating marks, titles, or other symbols.

7 (4) Students at adult high schools may complete required coursework at their own pace and
8 as available through the adult high school. They shall not be required to satisfy any specific number
9 of class minutes. The adult high school may also make classes available to students online as may
10 be appropriate. However, students shall not complete the majority of instruction of the school's
11 curriculum online or through remote instruction. For the purposes of this subsection, synchronous
12 instruction connecting students to a live class conducted in a Missouri adult high school shall be
13 treated the same as in-person instruction.

14 (5) The department of elementary and secondary education shall not create additional
15 regulations or burdens on the adult high school or the students attending the adult high schools
16 beyond certifying necessary credits and ensuring that students have sufficiently mastered the subject
17 matter to make them eligible for credit.

18 5. An adult high school shall be deemed a secondary school system for the purposes of
19 subdivision ~~[(45)]~~ (16) of subsection 1 of section 210.211.

20 160.2710. 1. Any person who is ~~[twenty-one]~~ eighteen years of age or older may enroll in
21 an adult high school if he or she has not earned a high school diploma.

22 2. An adult high school shall give a preference in admission to those students who receive
23 any local, state, or federal assistance in which a person or family is required not to exceed a certain
24 income level in order to qualify for the assistance.

25 3. For the purposes of compiling and tracking dropout rates of a local education agency by
26 the department of elementary and secondary education, a student transferring from a local education
27 agency to an adult high school shall be considered a transfer student and not a dropout student from
28 the local education agency."; and

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