

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By \_\_\_\_\_

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 712, Page 18, Section 173.232, Line 117,  
2 by inserting after all of said section and line the following:  
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4 "178.530. 1. The state board of education shall establish standards and annually inspect, as  
5 a basis for approval, all public prevocational, vocational schools, State Technical College of  
6 Missouri, departments and classes receiving state or federal moneys for giving training in  
7 agriculture, industrial, home economics and commercial subjects and all schools, departments and  
8 classes receiving state or federal moneys for the preparation of teachers and supervisors of such  
9 subjects. The public prevocational and vocational schools, State Technical College of Missouri,  
10 departments, and classes, and the training schools, departments and classes are entitled to the state  
11 or federal moneys so long as they are approved by the state board of education, as to site, plant,  
12 equipment, qualifications of teachers, admission of pupils, courses of study and methods of  
13 instruction. All disbursements of state or federal moneys for the benefit of the approved  
14 prevocational and vocational schools, State Technical College of Missouri, departments and classes  
15 shall be made semiannually. The school board of each approved school or the governing body of  
16 State Technical College of Missouri shall file a report with the state board of education at the times  
17 and in the form that the state board requires. Upon receipt of a satisfactory report, the state board of  
18 education shall certify to the commissioner of administration for his approval the amount of the state  
19 and federal moneys due the school district or State Technical College of Missouri. The amount due  
20 the school district shall be certified by the commissioner of administration and proper warrant  
21 therefor shall be issued to the district treasurer or State Technical College of Missouri.

22 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, the state board of  
23 education shall establish standards for agricultural education that may be adopted by a private  
24 school accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education as an  
25 accreditor of private schools that wishes to provide quality vocational programming outside the  
26 requirements of, but consistent with, the federal Vocational Education Act. Such standards shall be  
27 sufficient to qualify a private school to apply to the state chapter for approval of a local chapter of a  
28 federally chartered national agricultural education association on a form developed for that purpose  
29 by the department of elementary and secondary education without eligibility to receive state or  
30 federal funding for agricultural vocational education. The provisions of this subsection shall not be

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1 construed to create eligibility for a private school to receive state or federal funding for agricultural  
2 vocational education, but shall not prohibit a private school from receiving state or federal funds for  
3 which such private school would otherwise be eligible for agricultural vocational education. Any  
4 such private school shall reimburse the department annually for the cost of oversight and  
5 maintenance of the program.

6 3. (1) The department of elementary and secondary education, through its agricultural  
7 education section, shall be authorized to establish a pilot program, beginning in the 2020-21 school  
8 year and ending on June thirtieth of the 2025-26 school year, to provide for agricultural education in  
9 elementary schools in the state. ~~[The purpose of the pilot program shall be to determine whether~~  
10 ~~and how to implement an elementary agricultural education program statewide.]~~ For the 2026-27  
11 school year and all subsequent school years, the pilot program established in this subsection may  
12 become a program implemented in all elementary schools in the state.

13 (2) ~~[The department, through its employees who work in the agricultural education section,~~  
14 ~~is authorized to select from among applications submitted by the public elementary schools a~~  
15 ~~minimum of sixteen public elementary schools for participation in the pilot program. The~~  
16 ~~department shall develop an application process for public elementary schools to apply to participate~~  
17 ~~in the pilot program. The local school board for each elementary school selected to be in the pilot~~  
18 ~~program shall agree to implement and fully fund an elementary agricultural education program in~~  
19 ~~such school and to continue to provide such elementary agricultural education program for a period~~  
20 ~~no shorter than three years. The local school district may employ an agricultural education teacher~~  
21 ~~to provide such program for the elementary school.~~

22 (3) ~~The department, through its employees who work in the agricultural education section,~~  
23 ~~and local school districts shall collaborate to establish the instructional model for each elementary~~  
24 ~~agricultural education program. Such instructional model shall be grade appropriate and include~~  
25 ~~instruction in an organized classroom, collaborative learning experiences through investigation and~~  
26 ~~inquiry, including laboratory and site-based learning activities, and personal, leadership, and career~~  
27 ~~development opportunities.~~

28 (4) ~~The department, through its agricultural education section, shall provide for a program~~  
29 ~~evaluation regarding the success and impact of the pilot program upon completion of the third year~~  
30 ~~of the pilot program and shall report the results of such evaluation to the relevant house and senate~~  
31 ~~committees on agriculture and education.~~

32 4.] The department shall maintain an adequate number of full-time employees, certified in  
33 agricultural education and distributed regionally throughout the state, to provide accountability for  
34 program delivery of agricultural education, to continue to develop and maintain pertinent  
35 agricultural education instructional models and standards, to assist local school districts on matters  
36 related to agricultural education, and to coordinate regional and statewide activities supporting K-12  
37 agricultural education programming.

1       ~~[5. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require public elementary schools to~~  
2 ~~participate in the pilot program.]~~ (3) The requirements of section 160.514 shall not apply to this  
3 subsection."; and

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