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# HOUSE BILL NO. 874

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ZIMMERMANN.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 170.057, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to school supplies.

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

Section A. Section 170.057, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 170.057, to read as follows:

170.057. **1.** The school board of any school district may expend either textbook fund moneys or incidental fund moneys to provide supplementary texts, library reference books, instructional supplies, and contractual educational television services for the pupils of the district's elementary and secondary schools.

**2. (1) This subsection shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program".**

**(2) As used in this subsection, "school supplies" has the same definition as in section 144.049.**

**(3) For the 2026-27 school year and all subsequent school years, the department of elementary and secondary education shall provide moneys to each school district and charter school for each of the school district's and charter school's teachers to purchase classroom materials and school supplies for the students in the teachers' classrooms. No such moneys shall be used to purchase equipment.**

**(4) The department shall calculate an amount of such moneys for each school district and charter school based on the average daily attendance of resident pupils enrolled in the school district or charter school in the previous year and distribute such amount to each school district and charter school before August first of each year.**

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.

18           **(5) Upon receipt of the moneys calculated under subdivision (4) of this**  
19 **subsection, each school district and charter school shall calculate an identical amount of**  
20 **such moneys for each teacher estimated to be employed on September first of the school**  
21 **year and make available such amount to each teacher before August fifteenth of each**  
22 **year.**

23           **(6) The department shall establish a method for each school district and charter**  
24 **school to provide each teacher with a debit card to use for purchasing classroom**  
25 **materials and supplies with the amount calculated in subdivision (5) of this subsection.**  
26 **Any debit card issued under this section shall clearly indicate on the front that the card**  
27 **has been issued for the Missouri teachers classroom supply assistance program, shall**  
28 **display the expiration date on the back of the card, and shall display the school district's**  
29 **or charter school's tax exempt number on the front or the back of the card. The**  
30 **department shall determine any necessary procedures and requirements for use of the**  
31 **debit cards.**

32           **(7) Each teacher who accepts a debit card under this section shall sign a**  
33 **statement developed by the department that acknowledges receipt and the terms of**  
34 **proper use of the debit card.**

35           **(8) Each teacher who uses a debit card provided under this section shall submit**  
36 **all receipts for all purchases made with such card to the school district or charter school.**  
37 **The school district or charter school shall keep all such receipts for at least five years to**  
38 **show that moneys expended meet the requirements of this section.**

39           **(9) Any unexpended amount available for teachers under this subsection shall**  
40 **remain in the account established for the deposit of moneys under this section and shall**  
41 **be available for distribution to teachers in subsequent years.**

42           **(10) The department may promulgate all necessary rules for the administration**  
43 **of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010,**  
44 **that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if**  
45 **it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**  
46 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers**  
47 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the**  
48 **effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,**  
49 **then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after the**  
50 **effective date of this section shall be invalid and void.**

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