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HOUSE BILL NO. 1237

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to instruction in cursive writing.

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

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 170.025, to read as follows:

170.025. 1. Each school district and charter school shall ensure that:

(1) Each elementary school under the control of such school district or charter school provides instruction in cursive writing so that students create readable documents through legible cursive handwriting by the end of the fifth grade; and

(2) Each student passes with proficiency a teacher-constructed test demonstrating competency in both reading and writing cursive.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after the effective date of this section shall be invalid and void.

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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.