

HOUSE BILL NO. 1332

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BYRNES.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 161.1050 and 161.1055, RSMo, relating to the trauma-informed schools initiative.

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

Section A. Sections 161.1050 and 161.1055, RSMo, are repealed, to read as follows:

~~[161.1050. 1. There is hereby established within the department of elementary and secondary education the "Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative".~~

~~2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall consult the department of mental health and the department of social services for assistance in fulfilling the requirements of this section.~~

~~3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall:~~

~~(1) Provide information regarding the trauma-informed approach to all school districts;~~

~~(2) Offer training on the trauma-informed approach to all school districts, which shall include information on how schools can become trauma-informed schools; and~~

~~(3) Develop a website about the trauma-informed schools initiative that includes information for schools and parents regarding the trauma-informed approach and a guide for schools on how to become trauma-informed schools.~~

~~4. Each school district shall provide the address of the website described under subdivision (3) of subsection 3 of this section to all parents of the students in its district before October first of each school year.~~

~~5. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:~~

~~(1) "Trauma-informed approach", an approach that involves understanding and responding to the symptoms of chronic interpersonal trauma and traumatic stress across the lifespan;~~

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.

- 24 (2) ~~"Trauma-informed school", a school that:~~
- 25 ~~(a) Realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands~~
- 26 ~~potential paths for recovery;~~
- 27 ~~(b) Recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in students,~~
- 28 ~~teachers, and staff;~~
- 29 ~~(c) Responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into its~~
- 30 ~~policies, procedures, and practices; and~~
- 31 ~~(d) Seeks to actively resist retraumatization.]~~

2 ~~[161.1055. 1. Subject to appropriations, the department of elementary~~

3 ~~and secondary education shall establish the "Trauma-Informed Schools Pilot~~

4 ~~Program".~~

5 ~~2. Under the trauma-informed schools pilot program, the department~~

6 ~~of elementary and secondary education shall choose five schools to receive~~

7 ~~intensive training on the trauma-informed approach.~~

8 ~~3. The five schools chosen for the pilot program shall be located in the~~

9 ~~following areas:~~

10 ~~(1) One public school located in a metropolitan school district;~~

11 ~~(2) One public school located in a home rule city with more than four~~

12 ~~hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county;~~

13 ~~(3) One public school located in a school district that has most or all of~~

14 ~~its land area located in a county with a charter form of government and with~~

15 ~~more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants;~~

16 ~~(4) One public school located in a school district that has most or all of~~

17 ~~its land area located in a county with a charter form of government and with~~

18 ~~more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand~~

19 ~~inhabitants; and~~

20 ~~(5) One public school located in any one of the following counties:~~

21 ~~(a) A county of the third classification without a township form of~~

22 ~~government and with more than forty one thousand but fewer than forty five~~

23 ~~thousand inhabitants;~~

24 ~~(b) A county of the third classification without a township form of~~

25 ~~government and with more than six thousand but fewer than seven thousand~~

26 ~~inhabitants and with a city of the fourth classification with more than eight~~

27 ~~hundred but fewer than nine hundred inhabitants as the county seat;~~

28 ~~(c) A county of the third classification with a township form of~~

29 ~~government and with more than thirty one thousand but fewer than thirty five~~

30 ~~thousand inhabitants;~~

31 ~~(d) A county of the third classification without a township form of~~

32 ~~government and with more than fourteen thousand but fewer than sixteen~~

33 ~~thousand inhabitants and with a city of the third classification with more than~~

34 ~~five thousand but fewer than six thousand inhabitants as the county seat;~~

35 ~~(e) A county of the third classification without a township form of~~

36 ~~government and with more than eighteen thousand but fewer than twenty~~

37 ~~thousand inhabitants and with a city of the fourth classification with more than~~

38 ~~three thousand but fewer than three thousand seven hundred inhabitants as the~~

county seat;

39 ~~(f) A county of the third classification without a township form of~~
40 ~~government and with more than eighteen thousand but fewer than twenty~~
41 ~~thousand inhabitants and with a city of the third classification with more than~~
42 ~~six thousand but fewer than seven thousand inhabitants as the county seat;~~

43 ~~(g) A county of the third classification without a township form of~~
44 ~~government and with more than fourteen thousand but fewer than sixteen~~
45 ~~thousand inhabitants and with a city of the fourth classification with more than~~
46 ~~one thousand nine hundred but fewer than two thousand one hundred~~
47 ~~inhabitants as the county seat;~~

48 ~~(h) A county of the third classification without a township form of~~
49 ~~government and with more than thirty seven thousand but fewer than forty one~~
50 ~~thousand inhabitants and with a city of the fourth classification with more than~~
51 ~~eight hundred but fewer than nine hundred inhabitants as the county seat;~~

52 ~~(i) A county of the third classification with a township form of~~
53 ~~government and with more than twenty eight thousand but fewer than thirty~~
54 ~~one thousand inhabitants; or~~

55 ~~(j) A county of the third classification without a township form of~~
56 ~~government and with more than twelve thousand but fewer than fourteen~~
57 ~~thousand inhabitants and with a city of the fourth classification with more than~~
58 ~~five hundred but fewer than five hundred fifty inhabitants as the county seat.~~

59 ~~4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall:~~

60 ~~(1) Train the teachers and administrators of the five schools chosen for~~
61 ~~the pilot program regarding the trauma-informed approach and how to become~~
62 ~~trauma-informed schools;~~

63 ~~(2) Provide the five schools with funds to implement the trauma-~~
64 ~~informed approach; and~~

65 ~~(3) Closely monitor the progress of the five schools in becoming~~
66 ~~trauma-informed schools and provide further assistance if necessary.~~

67 ~~5. The department of elementary and secondary education shall~~
68 ~~terminate the trauma-informed schools pilot program on August 28, 2019.~~
69 ~~Before December 31, 2019, the department of elementary and secondary~~
70 ~~education shall submit a report to the general assembly that contains the results~~
71 ~~of the pilot program, including any benefits experienced by the five schools~~
72 ~~chosen for the program.~~

73 ~~6. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Trauma-~~
74 ~~Informed Schools Pilot Program Fund". The fund shall consist of any~~
75 ~~appropriations to such fund. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund.~~
76 ~~In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may~~
77 ~~approve disbursements of public moneys in accordance with distribution~~
78 ~~requirements and procedures developed by the department of elementary and~~
79 ~~secondary education. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon~~
80 ~~appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of~~
81 ~~this section.~~

82 ~~(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary,~~
83 ~~any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to~~
84 ~~the credit of the general revenue fund.~~

85 ~~(3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same~~
86 ~~manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such~~
87 ~~investments shall be credited to the fund.~~

88 ~~7. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:~~

89 ~~(1) "Trauma informed approach", an approach that involves~~
90 ~~understanding and responding to the symptoms of chronic interpersonal~~
91 ~~trauma and traumatic stress across the lifespan;~~

92 ~~(2) "Trauma informed school", a school that:~~

93 ~~(a) Realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands~~
94 ~~potential paths for recovery;~~

95 ~~(b) Recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in students,~~
96 ~~teachers, and staff;~~

97 ~~(c) Responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into its~~
98 ~~policies, procedures, and practices; and~~

99 ~~(d) Seeks to actively resist retraumatization.~~

100 ~~8. The provisions of this section shall expire December 31, 2019.]~~

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