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AN ACT

To amend chapters 161 and 173, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to curriculum transparency.

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

Section A. Chapters 161 and 173, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 161.852 and 173.925, to read as follows:

161.852. 1. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a tool within the department's comprehensive data system that provides access to the course syllabus and textbook information for each school district.

2. The tool shall consist of an easy-to-search database including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) All curricula taught by the school district;

(2) Information about each textbook used for each class, subject to the restrictions in subsection 6 of this section; and

(3) The course syllabus for each class.

3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall establish an online form that each school district in this state shall complete with information required under subsection 2 of this section.

4. A school district shall submit any updates to the information outlined in subsection 2 of this section every six months. A public school or school district may make good-faith modifications to curricula during each six-month period between updates but shall not be required to submit an update of such modifications until the next six-month update.

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. Not less than monthly, the department of elementary and secondary education**
19 **shall update the tool with the information required by this section to be submitted by**
20 **each school district and shall ensure that the tool is maintained as the primary**
21 **centralized source of information about the curriculum and instructional materials used**
22 **by public school districts.**

23 **6. (1) The information required under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of this**
24 **section shall include at least the following for each item posted:**

25 **(a) Bibliographic information necessary to identify textbooks used for pupil**
26 **instruction. Such bibliographic information shall include at least the title, author,**
27 **organization, and a website associated with each textbook; and**

28 **(b) An internet link to any curriculum used by the public school.**

29 **(2) Each public school shall update the list posted under subdivision (1) of this**
30 **subsection each time the public school adopts a new or revised curriculum for pupil**
31 **instruction.**

32 **(3) This subsection shall not be construed to require a public school to:**

33 **(a) Digitally reproduce curricula or textbooks; or**

34 **(b) Post a curriculum or textbook in a manner that would constitute an**
35 **infringement of copyright under the federal Copyright Act of 1976 (17 U.S.C. Section**
36 **101 et seq.), as amended.**

37 **(4) This section shall apply in the 2025-26 school year and all subsequent school**
38 **years.**

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

173.925. 1. As used in this section, the terms "approved institution of higher
2 **education", "college textbook", "integrated textbook", "products", and "supplemental**
3 **material" shall have the same definitions as in section 173.955.**

4 **2. Each approved institution of higher education shall:**

5 **(1) Provide public access to information about all college textbooks, integrated**
6 **textbooks, products, and supplemental materials used for each course of study offered**

7 by such institution, subject to the requirements and restrictions in subsection 3 of this
8 section;

9 (2) Provide public access to information about each course of study offered by
10 such institution, subject to the requirements and restrictions in subsection 4 of this
11 section;

12 (3) Establish an easy-to-search online database containing the information
13 described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection for the required public access;

14 (4) Establish an online form that each faculty member shall complete with
15 information required under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection; and

16 (5) Update the information described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
17 subsection every six months. An institution may make good-faith modifications to such
18 information during each six-month period between updates but shall not be required to
19 submit an update of such modifications until the next six-month update.

20 3. (1) The information required under subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this
21 section shall include at least the bibliographic information necessary to identify all
22 college textbooks, integrated textbooks, products, and supplemental materials used for
23 each course of study. Such bibliographic information shall include at least the title,
24 author, organization, and a website associated with each textbook.

25 (2) This subsection shall not be construed to require an approved institution of
26 higher education to:

27 (a) Digitally reproduce college textbooks, integrated textbooks, products, or
28 supplemental materials; or

29 (b) Post college textbooks, integrated textbooks, products, or supplemental
30 materials in a manner that would constitute an infringement of copyright under the
31 federal Copyright Act of 1976 (17 U.S.C. Section 101 et seq.), as amended.

32 4. (1) The information required under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of this
33 section shall include at least a detailed course description of each course of study
34 offered.

35 (2) A detailed course description shall include:

36 (a) Required meeting times for such course, whether in-person or online;

37 (b) How long the course modules are open for coursework completion;

38 (c) A clear display of the course content and curriculum including, but not
39 limited to, any course themes, content, core concepts, online articles, journals, websites,
40 videos, or any other written or oral materials; and

41 (d) Any other information likely to provide a more detailed description of such
42 course in compliance with this section.

43 **(3) This subsection shall not be construed to require an approved institution of**
44 **higher education to post course description information in a manner that would**
45 **constitute an infringement of copyright under the federal Copyright Act of 1976 (17**
46 **U.S.C. Section 101 et seq.), as amended.**

47 **5. This section shall apply in the 2025-26 academic year and all subsequent**
48 **academic years.**

49 **6. The coordinating board for education may promulgate rules to implement this**
50 **section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is**
51 **created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**
52 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**
53 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers**
54 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the**
55 **effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,**
56 **then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after the**
57 **effective date of this section shall be invalid and void.**

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