## FIRST REGULAR SESSION HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1516**

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3014H.04C JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to virtual schools.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.672, to read as follows:

161.672. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

- 2 (1) "Adult student", an individual who:
- 3 (a) Resides in this state;

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- 4 (b) Does not have a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate 5 issued by any state;
  - (c) Is twenty-one years of age or older; and
  - (d) Has fewer than twelve credits remaining or a total of two academic years remaining to achieve a high school diploma in the state of Missouri. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "credits remaining" shall not be construed to include credits earned toward career and technical education courses or attainment of an industry-recognized credential, technical skills assessment, or stackable credential;
  - (2) "Adult virtual program", a state-approved virtual course or full-time virtual program offered by a school district or a public institution of higher education.
- 2. An adult student may enroll in an adult virtual program and shall be eligible to enroll in the Missouri course access and virtual school program established in section 16 161.670.
- 3. (1) The moneys provided to an adult virtual program under this subsection shall be derived from state revenue solely from the state adequacy target. Each successfully passed and completed course shall be equal to fourteen percent of the state

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.

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- adequacy target, as defined under section 163.011. No moneys will be derived from local revenue as required under Article IX, Section 3(b) of the Constitution of Missouri. 21
  - (2) The total amount provided for an adult student enrolled in an adult virtual program shall not exceed the state adequacy target.
- 4. No school district with an adult student enrolled in an adult virtual program shall be required to report such adult student's information for purposes of a report 26 submitted under section 160.522 or 161.670.