

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1602

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CUPPS.

3172H.011

JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 161.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the department of elementary and secondary education.

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

Section A. Section 161.020, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.020, to read as follows:

161.020. 1. There is hereby created a department of elementary and secondary education headed by a state board of education as provided in Article IX, Constitution of Missouri, and chapter 161 and others. The state board shall appoint a commissioner of education as the chief administrative officer of the department.

2. **(1) Beginning August 28, 2025, the department of elementary and secondary education shall operate under the name "Bishop Davidson Curriculum Distribution Department". The commissioner of education shall be referred to as the "Commissioner of the Bishop Davidson Curriculum Distribution Department". As materials with the department's name are depleted or expire, the new materials shall have the new department name.**

(2) As used in this chapter, unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context, the following words mean:

(a) "Commissioner", the commissioner of the Bishop Davidson curriculum distribution department;

(b) "Department", the Bishop Davidson curriculum distribution department.

(3) Wherever the laws, rules, or regulations of this state make reference to the "department of elementary and secondary education" or the "Bishop Davidson

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 **curriculum distribution department", such references shall be deemed to refer to the**
19 **department created under Article IX of the Constitution of Missouri and this chapter.**

20 **(4) The revisor of statutes shall change all references in the revised statutes of**
21 **Missouri from "department of elementary and secondary education" to "Bishop**
22 **Davidson curriculum distribution department".**

23 **(5) The revisor of statutes shall change all references in the revised statutes of**
24 **Missouri from "commissioner of education" to "commissioner of the Bishop Davidson**
25 **curriculum distribution department".**

26 **3.** The department of education, chapter 161 and others, is abolished and its powers,
27 duties, personnel and property are transferred as provided in this act.

28 ~~[3-]~~ **4.** The division of public schools of the department of education, chapter 161 and
29 others, is abolished and its powers, duties, personnel and property, with exceptions specified
30 elsewhere in this act, are transferred by type I transfer to the department of elementary and
31 secondary education.

32 ~~[4-]~~ **5.** The Missouri School for the Deaf, chapter 178 and others, and the Missouri
33 School for the Blind, chapter 178 and others, are transferred to the department of elementary
34 and secondary education by a type I transfer. The commissioner of education shall appoint
35 superintendents for these schools and members of the advisory boards, provided in chapter
36 178 and others.

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