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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 186, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the use of technology in schools.

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

Section A. Chapter 186, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 186.095, to read as follows:

186.095. 1. The commissioner of education shall establish an educational technology impact advisory council. The council shall consist of no more than twenty-five members, appointed by the commissioner, and shall include members representing the following stakeholder groups:

- (1) School boards;**
- (2) Charter schools;**
- (3) Virtual schools;**
- (4) School superintendents;**
- (5) Elementary and secondary building principals;**
- (6) At least five teachers, including a teacher with expertise in each of the following:**
 - (a) Reading instruction;**
 - (b) Writing instruction;**
 - (c) Math instruction;**
 - (d) Science instruction; and**
 - (e) Early childhood education;**

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.

- 17 (7) At least one special education educator and one early childhood special
18 educator;
- 19 (8) At least two parents of elementary and secondary school-age pupils: one
20 parent whose child has struggled with literacy proficiency and one parent whose child
21 has struggled with math;
- 22 (9) One first steps provider;
- 23 (10) One member from a dyslexia advocacy group;
- 24 (11) At least one faculty member of an institution of higher education with an
25 approved teacher preparation program;
- 26 (12) A pediatric mental health professional or board certified behavioral analyst
27 licensed in the state, preferably with experience in technology and behavioral responses;
- 28 (13) A medical professional with expertise in child health and development;
- 29 (14) A professional with expertise in occupational therapy; and
- 30 (15) A professional with expertise in educational assessment data analysis.
- 31 2. The department shall provide necessary staff and resources for the work of
32 the advisory council.
- 33 3. (1) The council shall meet at least four times per year for a minimum of one
34 hundred twenty minutes per meeting without cancellations to review best practices in
35 the use of technology in instruction and related policy provisions. Items and
36 information related to such best practices and policies shall include, but not be
37 limited to:
- 38 (a) Impacts on educational outcomes;
- 39 (b) Impacts on behavioral and discipline outcomes;
- 40 (c) Impacts on special education;
- 41 (d) Impacts on early childhood brain development, including reading and
42 writing skills;
- 43 (e) The inclusion of artificial intelligence;
- 44 (f) The deterioration of student competency in reading, writing, arithmetic, and
45 science;
- 46 (g) The dehumanization of education in many environments and the distortion
47 of the relationship between teachers and students;
- 48 (h) The isolation of students in a digital and virtual world that distances students
49 from any form of social interaction; and
- 50 (i) Other such items and information to be determined by the council.
- 51 (2) The council shall meet for the first time for purposes of this subsection before
52 December first of the calendar year in which this section becomes effective and the
53 whole council or a subcommittee thereof shall hold at least three additional meetings for

54 purposes of this subsection before July first of the calendar year following the calendar
55 year in which this section becomes effective.

56 (3) The council shall submit a summary of the council's actions,
57 recommendations, and policy proposals to the state board of education, the
58 committee on elementary and secondary education of the Missouri house of
59 representatives or a successor committee, and the committee on education and
60 workforce development of the Missouri senate or a successor committee. The
61 recommendations may include recommendations for changes to state statute, and the
62 commissioner shall furnish any such recommendations to the joint committee on
63 education. Such submission shall be accomplished in public hearings. Such summary
64 shall be updated at least every two years to provide additional information regarding
65 the council's actions, recommendations, and policy proposals.

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