

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2051

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 168.201 and 168.205, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to school administrators.

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

Section A. Sections 168.201 and 168.205, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 168.201 and 168.205, to read as follows:

168.201. 1. **Except as otherwise provided in section 168.205**, the board of  
2 education in all districts except metropolitan districts may employ and contract with a  
3 superintendent for a term not to exceed three years from the time of making the contract, and  
4 may employ such other servants and agents as it deems necessary, and prescribe their powers,  
5 duties, compensation and term of office or employment which shall not exceed three years.

6 ~~[#]~~ 2. **The board** shall provide and keep a corporate seal.

168.205. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, two or more school  
2 districts may share a superintendent who possesses a valid Missouri superintendent's license.  
3 If any school districts choose to share a superintendent, they shall not be required to receive  
4 approval from the department of elementary and secondary education but may notify the  
5 department.

6 2. (1) Beginning July 1, 2023, subject to appropriation, a school district that enters  
7 into an agreement with another school district to share a superintendent shall receive  
8 additional state aid under this subsection.

9 (2) The department of elementary and secondary education shall annually distribute  
10 thirty thousand dollars to any school district that shares a superintendent under this

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.

11 subsection. Any such amount distributed to a school district shall be in addition to and shall  
12 not be included in any calculation of state aid under chapter 163.

13 (3) To receive the additional thirty thousand dollars under this subsection, the school  
14 district shall provide proof to the department of elementary and secondary education that the  
15 school district will use all of the additional thirty thousand dollars received under this  
16 subsection and at least half of the amount saved as a result of participating in sharing a  
17 superintendent under this subsection to compensate teachers or to provide counseling  
18 services.

19 (4) No school district that receives additional funding under this subsection shall  
20 receive such funding for more than five years.

21 **3. (1) As used in this subsection, "school administrator" means a**  
22 **superintendent, assistant superintendent, or a director.**

23 **(2) The state board of education shall evaluate the administration of each school**  
24 **district with a majority of its boundaries located within a county with more than one**  
25 **million inhabitants. After such evaluation, the state board shall:**

26 **(a) Consolidate the school administrators for school districts that have fewer**  
27 **than ten thousand students so that one superintendent, one assistant superintendent,**  
28 **and one director serves no fewer than ten thousand students;**

29 **(b) Determine the appropriate number of additional administrative staff needed**  
30 **for each school district that is administered by consolidated school administrators under**  
31 **this subsection. Such staff positions include, but are not limited to, the directors of**  
32 **curriculum, communications, transportation, public safety, food services, and human**  
33 **resources; and**

34 **(c) Determine how standards relating to administrative staff in the Missouri**  
35 **school improvement plan or any subsequently adopted accreditation method are met or**  
36 **waived.**

37 **(3) A consolidation of school administrators under this subsection shall be**  
38 **subject to the following:**

39 **(a) The salary of a consolidated school administrator shall be shared**  
40 **proportionally among the school districts with a consolidated school administrator;**

41 **(b) A school district with more than ten thousand enrolled students may**  
42 **consolidate school administrators; and**

43 **(c) School districts that consolidate school administrators shall share a physical**  
44 **border.**

45 **(4) Subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to a school district that**  
46 **consolidates school administrators under this subsection.**

47           **(5) This subsection shall not apply to a school district that receives less than**  
48 **twenty percent of its funding from the state.**

49           **(6) This subsection shall apply beginning in the 2027-28 school year and in all**  
50 **subsequent school years.**

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