

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2086

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KEATHLEY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 484.040, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the practice of law.

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

Section A. Section 484.040, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 484.040, to read as follows:

484.040. **1. Except as provided under subsection 2 of this section**, the power to admit and license persons to practice as attorneys and counselors in the courts of record of this state, or in any of them, is hereby vested exclusively in the supreme court and shall be regulated by rules of that court.

2. No person admitted and licensed to practice law in this state shall, as part of his or her continuing legal education requirements, be required to obtain credit devoted exclusively to explicit or implicit bias, diversity, inclusion, or cultural competency.

3. The provisions of this section amend Missouri supreme court rule 15.05 relating to continuing legal education requirements for attorneys, and the provisions of this section shall govern if there is a conflict between this section and Missouri supreme court rule 15.05 as it relates to attorneys obtaining continuing legal education credit devoted exclusively to explicit or implicit bias, diversity, inclusion, or cultural competency.

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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.