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HOUSE BILL NOS. 2115 & 1876

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to instruction in cursive writing.

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

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 170.025, to read as follows:

170.025. 1. Each school district and charter school shall ensure that:

2 **(1) Each elementary school under the control of such school district or charter**
3 **school provides instruction that includes cursive writing, in a manner determined by the**
4 **district or charter school, so that students can demonstrate an ability to read documents**
5 **written in cursive and create readable documents through legible cursive handwriting;**
6 **and**

7 **(2) Beginning in the 2028-29 school year and for all subsequent school years,**
8 **each student in grade five takes a teacher-constructed test to demonstrate the student's**
9 **competency in both reading and writing cursive.**

10 **2. Each local school board or governing board of a charter school shall be**
11 **responsible for the approval and adoption of curriculum and standards for competency**
12 **that will be used by the school district or charter school.**

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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.