

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2697

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS.

6335H.011

JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 166.700, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to Missouri empowerment scholarships.

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

Section A. Section 166.700, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 166.700, to read as follows:

166.700. As used in sections 166.700 to 166.720, the following terms mean:

- (1) "Curriculum", a complete course of study for a particular content area or grade level, including any supplemental materials;
- (2) "District", the same meaning as used in section 160.011;
- (3) "Educational assistance organization", the same meaning as used in section 135.712;
- (4) "Illegal alien", any person who is not lawfully present in the United States or any person who gained illegal entry into the United States;
- (5) "Parent", the same meaning as used in section 135.712;
- (6) "Private school", a school that is not a part of the public school system of the state of Missouri and that charges tuition for the rendering of elementary or secondary educational services;
- (7) "Program", the same meaning as used in section 135.712;
- (8) "Qualified school", an FPE school or any of the following entities that is incorporated in Missouri and that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin:
 - (a) A charter school as defined in section 160.400;

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 (b) A private school;
- 19 (c) A public school as defined in section 160.011; or
- 20 (d) A public or private virtual school;
- 21 (9) "Qualified student", any elementary or secondary school student who is a resident
- 22 of this state⁵ **and** who is not an illegal alien~~], and who:~~
- 23 ~~(a) Has an approved "individualized education plan " (IEP) developed under the~~
- 24 ~~federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. Section 1400 et seq.,~~
- 25 ~~as amended; or~~
- 26 ~~(b) is a member of a household whose total annual income does not exceed an amount~~
- 27 ~~equal to three hundred percent of the income standard used to qualify for free and reduced~~
- 28 ~~price lunches, and that meets at least one of the following qualifications:~~
- 29 ~~a. Attended a public school as a full-time student for at least one semester during the~~
- 30 ~~previous twelve months;~~
- 31 ~~b. Is a child who is eligible to begin kindergarten or first grade under sections 160.051~~
- 32 ~~to 160.055; or~~
- 33 ~~c. Is a sibling of a qualified student who received a scholarship grant in the previous~~
- 34 ~~school year and will receive a scholarship grant in the current school year].~~

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