

HOUSE BILL NO. 3489

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HURLBERT.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 160.572, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to college and career readiness.

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

Section A. Section 160.572, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 160.572 and 173.1360, to read as follows:

160.572. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) ~~["ACT assessment", the ACT assessment or the ACT Plus Writing assessment;~~
(2) "High school", a public school, not including a charter school, that provides instruction to students in any combinations of grades nine, ten, eleven, or twelve;

(2) "WorkKeys", the ACT WorkKeys assessments required for the National Career Readiness Certificate.

2. ~~[(1) In any school year in which the department of elementary and secondary education directs a state-funded census administration of the ACT assessment to any group of students, any student who would be allowed or required to participate in the census administration shall receive the opportunity, on any date within three months before the census administration, to participate in a state-funded administration of WorkKeys.~~

~~(2) Any student who participated in a state-funded administration of WorkKeys as described under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not participate in any state-funded census administration of the ACT assessment.~~

~~(3) The department of elementary and secondary education shall not require school districts or charter schools to administer the ACT assessment to any student who participated in a state-funded administration of WorkKeys as described under subdivision (1) of 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.

18 ~~subsection]~~ **Each high school shall administer college and career readiness assessments,**
19 **including a career readiness assessment that leads to a nationally recognized work**
20 **readiness certificate, in a manner and frequency prescribed by the state board of**
21 **education to each student before the student graduates from high school.**

22 3. ~~[(1) In any school year in which a school district directs the administration of the~~
23 ~~ACT assessment to any group of its students to be funded by the district, any student who~~
24 ~~would be allowed or required to participate in the district-funded administration shall receive~~
25 ~~the opportunity, on any date within three months before the administration, to participate in an~~
26 ~~administration of WorkKeys funded by the school district.~~

27 ~~(2) Nothing in this section shall require a school district to fund the administration of~~
28 ~~the ACT assessment to any student who participated in a district-funded administration of~~
29 ~~WorkKeys as described under subdivision (1) of this subsection]~~ **A career readiness**
30 **assessment under subsection 2 of this section may include WorkKeys.**

31 4. **A public school district may offer additional college and career readiness**
32 **assessments for students enrolled in high school, at no cost to the student, by using funds**
33 **appropriated by the general assembly for such purpose.**

34 5. **The state board of education shall promulgate rules to implement the**
35 **provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section**
36 **536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become**
37 **effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,**
38 **if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any**
39 **of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to**
40 **delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**
41 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**
42 **adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be invalid and void.**

173.1360. **Each public institution of higher education may adopt and implement**
2 **a policy to use a Platinum, Gold, or Silver credential earned through the ACT**
3 **WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) as transcribable credit**
4 **toward the attainment of a postsecondary technical degree as recommended by the**
5 **American Council on Education (ACE) national guide.**

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