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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 894
93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Education, March 9, 2006, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 163.021, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to school districts providing an adequate education to students.

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

Section A. Section 163.021, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 163.021, to read as follows:

163.021. 1. A school district shall receive state aid for its education
2 program only if it:

3 (1) Provides for a minimum of one hundred seventy-four days and one
4 thousand forty-four hours of actual pupil attendance in a term scheduled by the
5 board pursuant to section 160.041, RSMo, for each pupil or group of pupils, except
6 that the board shall provide a minimum of one hundred seventy-four days and
7 five hundred twenty-two hours of actual pupil attendance in a term for
8 kindergarten pupils. If any school is dismissed because of inclement weather
9 after school has been in session for three hours, that day shall count as a school
10 day including afternoon session kindergarten students. When the aggregate
11 hours lost in a term due to inclement weather decreases the total hours of the
12 school term below the required minimum number of hours by more than twelve
13 hours for all-day students or six hours for one-half-day kindergarten students, all
14 such hours below the minimum must be made up in one-half day or full day
15 additions to the term, except as provided in section 171.033, RSMo;

16 (2) Maintains adequate and accurate records of attendance, personnel and
17 finances, as required by the state board of education, which shall include the
18 preparation of a financial statement which shall be submitted to the state board
19 of education the same as required by the provisions of section 165.111, RSMo, for
20 districts;

21 (3) Levies an operating levy for school purposes of not less than one dollar
22 and twenty-five cents after all adjustments and reductions on each one hundred
23 dollars assessed valuation of the district;

24 (4) Computes average daily attendance as defined in subdivision (2) of
25 section 163.011 as modified by section 171.031, RSMo. Whenever there has
26 existed within the district an infectious disease, contagion, epidemic, plague or
27 similar condition whereby the school attendance is substantially reduced for an
28 extended period in any school year, the apportionment of school funds and all
29 other distribution of school moneys shall be made on the basis of the school year
30 next preceding the year in which such condition existed.

31 2. For the 2006-07 school year and thereafter, no school district shall
32 receive more state aid, as calculated under subsections 1 and 2 of section 163.031,
33 for its education program, exclusive of categorical add-ons, than it received per
34 weighted average daily attendance for the school year 2005-06 from the
35 foundation formula, line 14, gifted, remedial reading, exceptional pupil aid, fair
36 share, and free textbook payment amounts, unless it has an operating levy for
37 school purposes, as determined pursuant to section 163.011, of not less than two
38 dollars and seventy-five cents after all adjustments and reductions. Any district
39 which is required, pursuant to article X, section 22 of the Missouri Constitution,
40 to reduce its operating levy below the minimum tax rate otherwise required under
41 this subsection shall not be construed to be in violation of this subsection for
42 making such tax rate reduction. Pursuant to section 10(c) of article X of the state
43 constitution, a school district may levy the operating levy for school purposes
44 required by this subsection less all adjustments required pursuant to article X,
45 section 22 of the Missouri Constitution if such rate does not exceed the highest
46 tax rate in effect subsequent to the 1980 tax year. Nothing in this section shall
47 be construed to mean that a school district is guaranteed to receive an amount
48 not less than the amount the school district received per eligible pupil for the
49 school year 1990-91. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any
50 school district located in a county of the second classification which has a nuclear
51 power plant located in such district or to any school district located in a county
52 of the third classification which has an electric power generation unit with a
53 rated generating capacity of more than one hundred fifty megawatts which is
54 owned or operated or both by a rural electric cooperative except that such school
55 districts may levy for current school purposes and capital projects an operating
56 levy not to exceed two dollars and seventy-five cents less all adjustments required
57 pursuant to article X, section 22 of the Missouri Constitution.

58 3. No school district shall receive more state aid, as calculated in section
59 163.031, for its education program, exclusive of categorical add-ons, than it
60 received per eligible pupil for the school year 1993-1994, if the state board of
61 education determines that the district was not in compliance in the preceding
62 school year with the requirements of section 163.172, until such time as the board
63 determines that the district is again in compliance with the requirements of
64 section 163.172.

65 4. No school district shall receive state aid, pursuant to section 163.031,
66 if such district was not in compliance, during the preceding school year, with the
67 requirement, established pursuant to section 160.530, RSMo, to allocate revenue
68 to the professional development committee of the district.

69 5. No school district shall receive more state aid, as calculated in
70 subsections 1 and 2 of section 163.031, for its education program, exclusive of
71 categorical add-ons, than it received per weighted average daily attendance for
72 the school year 2005-06 from the foundation formula, line 14, gifted, remedial
73 reading, exceptional pupil aid, fair share, and free textbook payment amounts, if
74 the district did not comply in the preceding school year with the requirements of
75 subsection 6 of section 163.031.

76 **6. Any school district that levies an operating levy for school**
77 **purposes that is less than the median operating levy for school purposes**
78 **for the current school year of every performance district must provide**
79 **written notice to the department of elementary and secondary education**
80 **asserting that the district is providing an adequate education to the**
81 **students of such district. If a school district asserts that it is not**
82 **providing an adequate education to its students, such inadequacy shall**
83 **be deemed to be a result of insufficient local effort. The provisions of**
84 **this subsection shall not apply to any special district established under**
85 **sections 162.815 to 162.940, RSMo.**

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