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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS MAYER, KOSTER AND GRIESHEIMER.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to school district operational expenditures, with a referendum clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 162.015, to read as follows:

**162.015. 1. Beginning in fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year
2 thereafter, each school district shall adopt as a goal the expenditure of
3 at least two-thirds of its current operational expenditures on classroom
4 instruction.**

5 **2. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:**

6 **(1) "Classroom instruction", defined as the term "instruction" is
7 defined by the U.S. Department of Education Institute of Education
8 Sciences, NCES 2004-318 (2004), provided that such definition shall be
9 construed to include both "library and media services" and "guidance
10 services" as defined in such publication; and**

11 **(2) "Current operational expenditures", all expenditures made by
12 a school district other than expenditures for capital construction or
13 debt or bond payments, including but not limited to payment of interest
14 on debt or bonds.**

15 **3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall
16 ensure that the target percentage specified in subsection 1 of this
17 section and the district's actual classroom instruction expenditures are
18 reported annually in both the district's annual accountability report
19 card under section 160.522, RSMo, and in the department's "Report of
20 the Public Schools" publication.**

21 **4. No later than the first Wednesday after the first Monday of**

22 **January each year subsequent to the effective date of this act, the state**
23 **board of education shall report to the general assembly and to the**
24 **governor a list of those districts that have met the goal in subsection**
25 **1 of this section and a list of those districts that have not met the**
26 **goal. The report shall offer analysis regarding the effectiveness of the**
27 **goal, as well as statistical correlations regarding each district's**
28 **educational outcomes and percent of current operational expenditures**
29 **used for classroom instruction.**

30 **5. Each year the state board of education shall identify and the**
31 **governor shall publicly recognize those districts meeting the goal in**
32 **subsection 1 of this section. Each such district shall be known as a**
33 **"Governor's 'Students First' District".**

Section B. Section A of this act is hereby submitted to the qualified voters
2 of this state for approval or rejection at an election which is hereby ordered and
3 which shall be held and conducted on the Tuesday immediately following the first
4 Monday in November, 2006, or at a special election to be called by the governor
5 for that purpose, pursuant to the laws and constitutional provisions of this state
6 applicable to general elections and the submission of referendum measures by
7 initiative petition, and it shall become effective when approved by a majority of
8 the votes cast thereon at such election and not otherwise.

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