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AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a virtual public school.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 161.670, to read as follows:

161.670. 1. Notwithstanding any other law, prior to July 1, 2007,
2 **the state board of education shall establish a virtual public school to**
3 **serve school-age students residing in the state. The virtual public**
4 **school shall offer instruction in a virtual setting using technology,**
5 **intranet, and/or Internet methods of communication. Any student**
6 **under the age of twenty-one in grades kindergarten through twelve**
7 **who resides in this state shall be eligible to enroll in the virtual public**
8 **school regardless of the student's physical location.**

9 **2. For purposes of calculation and distribution of state school**
10 **aid, students enrolled in a virtual public school shall be included, at**
11 **the choice of the student's parent or guardian, in the student**
12 **enrollment of the school district in which the student physically**
13 **resides. The virtual public school shall report to the district of**
14 **residence the following information about each student served by the**
15 **virtual public school: name, address, eligibility for free or reduced-**
16 **price lunch, limited English proficiency status, special education needs,**
17 **and the number of courses in which the student is enrolled. The virtual**
18 **public school shall promptly notify the resident district when a student**
19 **discontinues enrollment. A "full-time equivalent student" is a student**

20 who successfully has completed the instructional equivalent of six
21 credits per regular term. Each virtual course shall count as one class
22 and shall generate that portion of a full-time equivalent that a
23 comparable course offered by the school district would generate. In no
24 case shall more than the full-time equivalency of a regular term of
25 attendance for a single student be used to claim state aid. Full-time
26 equivalent student credit completed shall be reported to the
27 department of elementary and secondary education in the manner
28 prescribed by the department. Nothing in this section shall prohibit
29 students from enrolling in additional courses under a separate
30 agreement that includes terms for paying tuition or course fees.

31 3. When a school district has one or more resident students
32 enrolled in a virtual public school program authorized by this section,
33 whose parent or guardian has chosen to include such student in the
34 district's enrollment, the department of elementary and secondary
35 education shall disburse an amount corresponding to fifteen percent of
36 the state aid under sections 163.031 and 163.043, RSMo, attributable to
37 such student to the resident district. Subject to an annual
38 appropriation by the general assembly, the department shall disburse
39 an amount corresponding to eighty-five percent of the state adequacy
40 target attributable to such student to the virtual public school.

41 4. Except as specified in this section and as may be specified by
42 rule of the state board of education, the virtual public school shall
43 comply with all state laws and regulations applicable to school
44 districts, including but not limited to the Missouri school improvement
45 program (MSIP), adequate yearly progress (AYP), annual performance
46 report (APR), teacher certification, and curriculum standards.

47 5. The state board of education through the rulemaking process
48 and the department of elementary and secondary education in its
49 policies and procedures shall ensure that multiple content providers
50 are allowed.

51 6. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
52 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this
53 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to
54 all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section
55 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable
56 and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to

57 **chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to**
58 **disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,**
59 **then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**
60 **adopted after August 28, 2006, shall be invalid and void.**

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