

SENATE BILL NO. 318

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR EIGEL.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to parental rights in public schools.

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 section, to be known as section 161.1140, to read as follows:

161.1140. 1. This act may be cited as the "Empowering Missouri Parents Act".

2. No school district shall deny to the parent or guardian of a minor child any or all of the following rights:

(1) The right to transparent access to school and school district curricula and lesson plans, made available in an electronically searchable format and available at all times online on the homepage of the website hosted by the district.

(a) Curricula shall be available to the public at least thirty days before the beginning of a semester's classes.

(b) Lesson plans shall be available to the public no later than thirty days after the date such course materials were taught. Parents nonetheless have the right to request such materials directly from teachers prior to that time.

(c) The right to instructional material includes the right to transparent access to school and school district

19 faculty and staff training materials, also made available in
20 an electronically searchable format and available at all
21 times online on a website hosted by the district;

22 (2) The right to transparent access to school and
23 school district academic performance information in an easy
24 to understand and electronically searchable format,
25 available at all times online on the homepage of the website
26 hosted by the district and based on data from the department
27 of elementary and secondary education. That information
28 shall be regularly updated and shall include:

29 (a) The percentage of all students scoring at the
30 proficient level or higher on all assessments administered
31 under the Missouri assessment program;

32 (b) The percentage of students in each reportable
33 subgroup, including race/ethnicity, economically
34 disadvantaged, students with disabilities, and English
35 language learners, scoring at the proficient level or higher
36 on all assessments administered under the Missouri
37 assessment program;

38 (c) The growth score in English language arts,
39 measured in normal curve equivalent for grades three through
40 eight; and

41 (d) The growth score in math, measured in normal curve
42 equivalent for grades three through eight;

43 (3) The right to transparent access to school and
44 school district financial information in an easy to
45 understand and electronically searchable format, available
46 at all times online on the homepage of the website hosted by
47 the district. That information shall be regularly updated
48 and shall include:

49 (a) Transactional data similar to that produced from
50 an accounts payable report, and if practicable rendered in a

51 manner similar to the existing Show-Me Checkbook website
52 maintained by the state treasurer's office;

53 (b) The district's latest financial statements filed
54 with the department of elementary and secondary education;

55 (4) The right to transparent access to contract
56 negotiations between the district and labor organizations
57 with whom the district is considering entering into a labor
58 agreement including access to all materials used in
59 negotiation and all finalized documents that describe the
60 legal obligations of parties pursuant to an agreement. Such
61 documents shall be available in an electronically searchable
62 format and available at all times online on the homepage of
63 the website hosted by the district;

64 (5) The right to choose existing educational choice
65 options provided by law that best suit the learning needs of
66 their children;

67 (6) The right to request to opt their children out of
68 the classroom for any presentation of content listed in the
69 syllabus with which they disagree;

70 (7) The right to control their children's likeness in
71 district materials;

72 (8) The right to control their children's health and
73 identifying markers, including but not limited to the right
74 to opt out of health measures not required by statute.

75 3. Any person who is denied one or more of the rights
76 identified in subsection 2 of this section may bring a civil
77 action in any court of competent jurisdiction for injunctive
78 relief.

79 4. In any case in which the attorney general has
80 reason to believe that an interest of the residents of this
81 state has been or is threatened or adversely affected by the
82 engagement of any entity in an act or practice denying one

83 or more of the rights identified in subsection 2 of this
84 section, the attorney general may bring a civil action on
85 behalf of the residents of the state in a court of competent
86 jurisdiction to obtain injunctive relief.

87 5. If a school district is found by a court of
88 competent jurisdiction in a final judgment not subject to
89 further appeal to have violated the provisions of this
90 section, the department of elementary and secondary
91 education may withhold up to fifty percent of the state aid
92 for such district due to such school district under chapter
93 163 for the following fiscal year.

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