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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR THOMPSON REHDER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to health and family academic standards.

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

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 160.527, to read as
3 follows:

160.527. 1. As used in this section, "health and
2 family education" means a course consisting of planned
3 learning experiences to acquire information and skills
4 students need to develop the physical, mental, emotional,
5 social, economic, and psychological aspects of personal
6 health, family relationships, family structure, child abuse,
7 alcohol and other drug use, sexual health, violence
8 prevention, and parenting education competency development
9 that is aligned to the social and emotional learning
10 standards of a student's grade level.

11 2. The one-half unit of credit in health education
12 required by the state board of education shall be renamed
13 "Health and Family Education" for the 2023-24 school year
14 and all subsequent school years.

15 3. The department of elementary and secondary
16 education shall convene a work group to develop and
17 recommend academic performance standards relating to the one-
18 half unit of credit of health education required by the

19 state board of education. The work group shall include, but
20 not be limited to, educators providing instruction in health
21 education and family and consumer science in grades nine to
22 twelve, representatives from the department of elementary
23 and secondary education, and nonprofit organizations that
24 focus on public health, parenting, and social services. The
25 department of elementary and secondary education shall
26 develop written curriculum frameworks relating to health and
27 family education with an emphasis on behavioral health
28 relating to the causes of morbidity and mortality of youth,
29 chronic disease management, and parenting skills associated
30 with optimal family health over a lifetime that may be used
31 by school districts.

32 4. The state board of education shall adopt and
33 implement academic performance standards relating to health
34 education for the 2024-25 school year and all subsequent
35 school years.

36 5. The requirements of section 160.514 shall not apply
37 to this section.

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