

SENATE BILL NO. 85

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CARTER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 163, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to local control school districts.

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

Section A. Chapter 163, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 163.201, to read as
3 follows:

163.201. 1. Any public school district that is not a
2 charter school and has a local effort of per pupil funding
3 of at least seventy-five percent shall be designated as a
4 local control school district.

5 2. A local control school district shall not be
6 required by the department to participate in:

- 7 (1) The Missouri school improvement program;
- 8 (2) Annual performance reviews by the department;
- 9 (3) Developing standards of teaching to be provided to
10 the department as set forth in section 160.045; or
- 11 (4) The maintaining of a school improvement plan in
12 any format provided by or approved by the department.
- 13 (5) The local board of education for a local control
14 school district may decide by a majority vote to require the
15 district to develop and publicly display a continuous
16 improvement plan for the district.

17 3. A local control school district shall not be
18 assigned the classification of unaccredited, provisionally

19 accredited, accredited, or accredited with distinction based
20 on the standards of the Missouri school improvement program.

21 4. A local control school district shall have the
22 ability to choose any nationally recognized assessment test
23 program for students in lieu of the Missouri assessment
24 program. The local control school district shall notify the
25 state board of education of its intent to use such
26 assessment test by June thirtieth prior to the following
27 school year.

28 5. A local control school district may continue to
29 receive state aid through the foundation formula, provided
30 the district's local effort of per pupil funding stays
31 within the requirements set forth in subsection 1 of this
32 section.

33 6. A local control school district may apply for state
34 and federal grants only if the district's local effort of
35 per pupil funding stays within the requirements set forth in
36 subsection 1 of this section.

37 7. A local control school district that fails to meet
38 the requirements of subsection 1 of this section in any
39 fiscal year shall have two fiscal years in which to meet
40 these requirements. If after two fiscal years the local
41 control school district still does not meet the requirements
42 of subsection 1 of this section, the local control school
43 district shall lose its designation as a local control
44 school district until it meets these requirements for at
45 least one fiscal year.

46 8. As used in this section, the following terms shall
47 mean:

48 (1) "Department", the department of elementary and
49 secondary education;

50 (2) "Foundation formula", the method of calculating
51 state aid for public school districts established in this
52 chapter;

53 (3) "Local control school district", any public school
54 district that is not a charter school and receives local
55 funding through personal property taxes, real estate taxes,
56 and Proposition C revenues from the school district trust
57 fund under section 163.087 that equals at least seventy-five
58 percent of the foundation formula model;

59 (4) "Local effort of per pupil funding", the percent
60 of a school district's funding derived from local tax
61 revenues and Proposition C revenues from the school district
62 trust fund under section 163.087;

63 (5) "Nationally recognized assessment test", any
64 nationally normed standardized test that measures student
65 achievement in reading, English language arts, and
66 mathematics, reduces redundant testing, and ensures that the
67 assessment results provide transparent, consistent
68 information about student achievement.

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