

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2596

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

To repeal section 167.910 as enacted by house bill no. 1606, ninety-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and section 167.910 as enacted by house bill no. 1415, ninety-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a course on career readiness for eighth grade students.

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

Section A. Section 167.910 as enacted by house bill no. 1606, ninety-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and section 167.910 as enacted by house bill no. 1415, ninety-ninth general assembly, second regular session, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 167.911, to read as follows:

**167.911. 1. Before January 1, 2021, the state board of education shall convene a work group regarding the eighth grade course described in this section. The work group shall operate in the same manner as the work groups described under section 160.514. The work group shall develop a written curriculum framework based on the findings and recommendations of the career readiness course task force that may be used by the board of education of each school district and by charter schools in adopting or developing a written curriculum designed to ensure that students attain the knowledge, skills, and competencies established in this section.**

**2. The course shall give students an opportunity to explore various career and educational opportunities by:**

**(1) Administering career surveys to students and helping students use Missouri Connections to determine their career interests and develop plans to meet their career goals;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 14           **(2) Explaining the differences between types of colleges including, but not limited**  
15 **to, two-year and four-year colleges and noting the availability of registered apprenticeship**  
16 **programs as alternatives to college for students;**
- 17           **(3) Describing technical degrees offered by colleges;**
- 18           **(4) Explaining the courses and educational experiences offered at community**  
19 **colleges;**
- 20           **(5) Describing the various certificates and credentials available to earn at the school**  
21 **or other schools including, but not limited to, career and technical education certificates**  
22 **described under section 170.029 and industry-recognized certificates and credentials;**
- 23           **(6) Advising students of any advanced placement courses that they may take at the**  
24 **school;**
- 25           **(7) Describing any opportunities at the school for dual enrollment;**
- 26           **(8) Advising students of any Project Lead the Way courses offered at the school and**  
27 **explaining how Project Lead the Way courses help students learn valuable skills;**
- 28           **(9) Informing students of the availability of funding for postsecondary education**  
29 **through the A+ schools program described under section 160.545;**
- 30           **(10) Describing the availability of virtual courses;**
- 31           **(11) Describing the types of skills and occupations most in demand in the current**  
32 **job market and those skills and occupations likely to be in high demand in future years;**
- 33           **(12) Describing the typical salaries for occupations, salary trends, and**  
34 **opportunities for advancement in various occupations;**
- 35           **(13) Emphasizing the opportunities available in careers involving science,**  
36 **technology, engineering, and math;**
- 37           **(14) Advising students of the resources offered by workforce or job centers;**
- 38           **(15) Preparing students for the ACT assessment or the ACT WorkKeys assessments**  
39 **required for the National Career Readiness Certificate;**
- 40           **(16) Administering a practice ACT assessment to students or practice ACT**  
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43 **Vocational Aptitude Battery;**
- 44           **(18) Administering a basic math test to students so that they can assess their math**  
45 **skills;**
- 46           **(19) Administering a basic writing test to students so that they can assess their**  
47 **writing skills;**

48           **(20) Helping each student prepare a personal plan of study that outlines a sequence**  
 49 **of courses and experiences that conclude with the student reaching the student's**  
 50 **postsecondary goals as such plan is described in section 167.903; and**

51           **(21) Explaining how to complete college applications and the Free Application for**  
 52 **Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).**

53           **3. The course shall focus on career readiness and emphasize the importance of**  
 54 **work ethic, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity.**

55           **4. The course shall demonstrate that graduation from a four-year college is not the**  
 56 **only pathway to success. The course shall describe at least sixteen pathways to success in**  
 57 **detail and include guest visitors who represent each pathway described. In covering these**  
 58 **pathways, instructors for the course may rely on assistance from the state's Pathways to**  
 59 **Prosperity Network within the department of elementary and secondary education.**

60           **5. The course shall provide student loan counseling.**

61           **6. The course may include parent-student meetings.**

62           **7. The course shall meet for three thousand nine hundred fifteen minutes.**

63           **8. In school year 2023-24 and subsequent school years, every junior high school or**  
 64 **charter school giving instruction in the eighth grade may offer a one-half-unit credit course**  
 65 **on the topics described in this section and require each eighth grade student to complete**  
 66 **the course.**

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 9 ~~joint committee on education;~~

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