

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 872

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 160.011, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to secondary education.

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

Section A. Section 160.011, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 160.011, to read as follows:

160.011. As used in chapters 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 167, 168, 170, 171, 177 and 178, the following terms mean:

(1) "District" or "school district", when used alone, may include seven-director, urban, and metropolitan school districts;

(2) "Elementary school", a public school giving instruction in a grade or grades not higher than the eighth grade;

(3) "Family literacy programs", services of sufficient intensity in terms of hours, and of sufficient duration, to make sustainable changes in families that include:

(a) Interactive literacy activities between parents and their children;

(b) Training of parents regarding how to be the primary teacher of their children and full partners in the education of their children;

(c) Parent literacy training that leads to high school completion and economic self sufficiency; and

(d) An age-appropriate education to prepare children of all ages for success in school;

(4) "Graduation rate", the quotient of the number of graduates in the current year as of June thirtieth divided by the sum of the number of graduates in the current year as of June thirtieth plus the number of twelfth graders who dropped out in the current year plus the number

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.

18 of eleventh graders who dropped out in the preceding year plus the number of tenth graders who  
19 dropped out in the second preceding year plus the number of ninth graders who dropped out in  
20 the third preceding year;

21 (5) "High school", a public school giving instruction in a grade or grades not lower than  
22 the ninth nor higher than the twelfth grade;

23 (6) "Metropolitan school district", any school district the boundaries of which are  
24 coterminous with the limits of any city which is not within a county;

25 (7) "Public school" includes all elementary and high schools operated at public expense;

26 (8) "School board", the board of education having general control of the property and  
27 affairs of any school district;

28 (9) "School term", a minimum of one hundred seventy-four school days, as that term is  
29 defined in section 160.041, for schools with a five-day school week or a minimum of one  
30 hundred forty-two school days, as that term is defined in section 160.041, for schools with a  
31 four-day school week, and one thousand forty-four hours of actual pupil attendance as scheduled  
32 by the board pursuant to section 171.031 during a twelve-month period in which the academic  
33 instruction of pupils is actually and regularly carried on for a group of students in the public  
34 schools of any school district. A school term may be within a school year or may consist of parts  
35 of two consecutive school years, but does not include summer school. A district may choose to  
36 operate two or more terms for different groups of children. A school term for students  
37 participating in a school flex program as established in section 160.539 may consist of a  
38 combination of actual pupil attendance and attendance at college or technical career education  
39 or approved employment aligned with the student's career academic plan for a total of one  
40 thousand forty-four hours;

41 (10) **"Secondary education", education of students who attend secondary schools;**

42 (11) **"Secondary school", a public school giving instruction in a grade or grades not**  
43 **lower than the fifth nor higher than the twelfth grade;**

44 (12) "Secretary", the secretary of the board of a school district;

45 [~~11~~] (13) "Seven-director district", any school district which has seven directors and  
46 includes urban districts regardless of the number of directors an urban district may have unless  
47 otherwise provided by law;

48 [~~12~~] (14) "Taxpayer", any individual who has paid taxes to the state or any subdivision  
49 thereof within the immediately preceding twelve-month period or the spouse of such individual;

50 [~~13~~] (15) "Town", any town or village, whether or not incorporated, the plat of which  
51 has been filed in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county in which it is situated;

52            [~~(14)~~] **(16)** "Urban school district", any district which includes more than half of the  
53 population or land area of any city which has not less than seventy thousand inhabitants, other  
54 than a city which is not within a county.

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