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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTON GRAY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a council for community education.

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
2 known as section 161.960, to read as follows:

2 **161.960. 1. There is hereby established in the department of elementary and**
2 **secondary education a "Council for Community Education".**

3 **2. The council shall have a membership of eleven persons, appointed by the**
4 **governor. Membership may include, but not be limited to, representatives of the following**
5 **groups:**

- 6 **(1) Civic organizations;**
- 7 **(2) Community-based organizations;**
- 8 **(3) Community education organizations;**
- 9 **(4) Local government;**
- 10 **(5) Local school district administrators;**
- 11 **(6) Parent organizations;**
- 12 **(7) Post-secondary education;**
- 13 **(8) School boards; and**
- 14 **(9) Teachers.**

15 **3. The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee shall convene the**
16 **first meeting of the council for the purpose of establishing the bylaws of the council and**
17 **electing officers to include a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary. The council**

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 shall not meet more than four times annually. Members may be reimbursed for expenses
19 but shall not receive a per diem allowance.

20 4. The council shall:

21 (1) Conduct feasibility studies on the establishment of community education
22 programs within the state;

23 (2) Advise the commissioner of education and the department of education on issues
24 relating to the establishment of community education programs;

25 (3) Make recommendations for a state plan for community education which sets
26 forth the goals and objectives of a community schools program and establishes a system
27 of priorities for targeting available resources on the areas with the greatest need within a
28 school district; and

29 (4) Make recommendations for the funding of local community education
30 programs.

31 5. For purposes of this section, "community school", means a school that makes its
32 facilities available for citizen use, coordinates activities of local citizens in identifying
33 program needs and establishing priorities, identifies and utilizes available program
34 resources, and assists in the initiation of programs to improve the cultural, social,
35 recreational, and educational opportunities available in a community. "Community
36 education program", means a program in which a public building, including a public
37 elementary or secondary school, is used as a community center operated by a school board
38 in cooperation with other groups in the community, community organizations, and local
39 governmental agencies to provide educational, recreational, cultural, health care, and other
40 related community services in accordance with the needs, interests, and concerns of the
41 community.

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