

SENATE BILL NO. 1051

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BRATTIN.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to extended learning opportunities.

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 160.565, to read as
3 follows:

160.565. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited
2 as the "Extended Learning Opportunities Act".

3 2. For the purposes of the provisions of this section,
4 the following terms shall mean:

5 (1) "Extended learning opportunity", an out-of-
6 classroom learning experience, approved by the state board
7 of education, a local school board, or a charter school,
8 that provides a student with:

9 (a) Enrichment opportunities;

10 (b) Career readiness or employability skills
11 opportunities, including internships, pre-apprenticeships,
12 and apprenticeships; or

13 (c) Any other approved educational opportunity;

14 (2) "Student", any child attending an elementary or
15 secondary public school or charter school in kindergarten
16 through the twelfth grade.

17 3. Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, the state
18 board of education and each local school board shall

19 routinely inform students and their parents of the ability
20 to earn credit for participating in extended learning
21 opportunities. Employees of the state board of education,
22 public schools, and charter schools may assist students and
23 their parents in completing enrollment processes required
24 for participating in approved extended learning
25 opportunities. No student or parent shall be required to
26 obtain permission from the student's school district or
27 charter school to enroll in an extended learning
28 opportunity, provided that, prior to participating in any
29 extended learning opportunity, the student and at least one
30 parent shall sign an agreement detailing all program
31 requirements in a form developed by the state board of
32 education.

33 4. An extended learning opportunity shall count as a
34 credit toward graduation requirements and the achievement of
35 applicable state standards for students. To receive credit,
36 a student shall submit a written request for credit and
37 proof of successful completion of the extended learning
38 opportunity to a designated administrator of the school the
39 student attends.

40 5. The state board of education shall adopt, and each
41 local school district shall distribute and implement,
42 extended learning opportunities policies that provides all
43 of the following:

44 (1) An application process for accepting and approving
45 extended learning opportunities offered for credit from
46 outside entities;

47 (2) A list of entities that are eligible to submit
48 applications to offer extended learning opportunities,
49 including:

50 (a) Nonprofit organizations;

51 (b) Business with established locations in the state;

52 (c) Trade associations; and

53 (d) The Armed Forces of the United States, subject to
54 applicable age requirements;

55 (3) A process for students or their parents to request
56 credit;

57 (4) Criteria that school districts and charter schools
58 shall use to determine whether a proposed extended learning
59 opportunity shall be approved;

60 (5) Criteria that school districts and charter schools
61 shall use to award a certificate of completion and credit
62 for completing an extended learning opportunity, including
63 allowing a student to demonstrate competencies through
64 performance-based assessments and other methods independent
65 of instructional time and credit hours.

66 6. An entity approved by the state board of education
67 to offer an extended learning opportunity shall be
68 automatically qualified to offer that extended learning
69 opportunity for all school districts and charter schools.

70 7. A student who successfully completes an approved
71 extended learning opportunity and satisfies criteria for the
72 award of a certification of completion and credit pursuant
73 to subdivision (5) of subsection 5 of this section shall be
74 considered to have completed all required coursework for the
75 particular course. In an extended learning opportunity that
76 satisfies all required coursework for a high school course,
77 the student shall also be considered to have satisfied the
78 equivalent number of credits toward his or her graduation
79 requirements.

80 8. Any policy or procedure adopted by the state board
81 of education, a school board, or a charter school for
82 participating in an extended learning opportunity shall

83 provide every student an equal opportunity to participate
84 and shall satisfy established timelines and requirements for
85 purposes of transcribing credits and state reporting.

86 9. The state board of education may promulgate rules
87 to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or
88 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
89 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in
90 this section shall become effective only if it complies with
91 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,
92 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter
93 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the
94 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay
95 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
96 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
97 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
98 August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void.

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