

# SENATE BILL NO. 1052

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BEAN.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

### AN ACT

To repeal sections 160.2700 and 160.2705, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to adult high schools.

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

Section A. Sections 160.2700 and 160.2705, RSMo, are  
2 repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be  
3 known as sections 160.2700 and 160.2705, to read as follows:

160.2700. For purposes of sections 160.2700 to  
2 160.2725, "adult high school" means a school that:

3 (1) Is for individuals who do not have a high school  
4 diploma and who are twenty-one years of age or older;

5 (2) Offers an industry certification program or  
6 programs and a high school diploma in a manner that allows  
7 students to earn a diploma at the same time that they earn  
8 an industry certification;

9 (3) Offers [on-site] child care for children of  
10 enrolled students attending the school; and

11 (4) Is not eligible to receive funding under section  
12 160.415 or 163.031.

160.2705. 1. The department of elementary and  
2 secondary education shall authorize before January 1, 2018,  
3 a Missouri-based nonprofit organization meeting the criteria  
4 under subsection 2 of this section to establish and operate  
5 four adult high schools, with:

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

6 (1) One adult high school to be located in a city not  
7 within a county;

8 (2) One adult high school to be located in a county of  
9 the third classification without a township form of  
10 government and with more than forty-one thousand but fewer  
11 than forty-five thousand inhabitants or a county contiguous  
12 to that county;

13 (3) One adult high school to be located in a county of  
14 the first classification with more than two hundred sixty  
15 thousand but fewer than three hundred thousand inhabitants  
16 or a county contiguous to that county; and

17 (4) One adult high school to be located in a county of  
18 the first classification with more than one hundred fifty  
19 thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants.

20 2. The department of elementary and secondary  
21 education shall grant the authorization described under  
22 subsection 1 of this section based on a bid process  
23 conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations  
24 governing purchasing through the office of administration.  
25 The successful bidder shall:

26 (1) Demonstrate the ability to establish, within  
27 twenty-one months of the receipt of the authorization, four  
28 adult high schools offering high school diplomas, an  
29 industry certification program or programs, and [on-site]  
30 child care for children of the students attending the high  
31 schools;

32 (2) Commit at least two million dollars in investment  
33 for the purpose of establishing the necessary infrastructure  
34 to operate four adult high schools;

35 (3) Demonstrate substantial and positive experience in  
36 providing services, including industry certifications and  
37 job placement services, to adults twenty-one years of age or

38 older whose educational and training opportunities have been  
39 limited by educational disadvantages, disabilities,  
40 homelessness, criminal history, or similar circumstances;

41 (4) Establish a partnership with a state-supported  
42 postsecondary education institution or more than one such  
43 partnership, if a partnership or partnerships are necessary  
44 in order to meet the requirements for an adult high school;

45 (5) Establish a comprehensive plan that sets forth how  
46 the adult high schools will help address the need for a  
47 sufficiently trained workforce in the surrounding region for  
48 each adult high school;

49 (6) Establish partnerships and strategies for engaging  
50 the community and business leaders in carrying out the goals  
51 of each adult high school;

52 (7) Establish the ability to meet quality standards  
53 through certified teachers and programs that support each  
54 student in his or her goal to find a more rewarding job;

55 (8) Establish a plan for assisting students in  
56 overcoming barriers to educational success including, but  
57 not limited to, educational disadvantages, homelessness,  
58 criminal history, disability, including learning disability  
59 such as dyslexia, and similar circumstances;

60 (9) Establish a process for determining outcomes of  
61 the adult high school, including outcomes related to a  
62 student's ability to find a more rewarding job through the  
63 attainment of a high school diploma and job training and  
64 certification; and

65 (10) Bids shall not include an administrative fee  
66 greater than ten percent.

67 3. (1) The department of elementary and secondary  
68 education shall establish academic requirements for students  
69 to obtain high school diplomas.

70           (2) Requirements for a high school diploma shall be  
71 based on an adult student's prior high school achievement  
72 and the remaining credits and coursework that would be  
73 necessary for the student to receive a high school diploma  
74 if he or she were in a traditional high school setting. The  
75 adult student shall meet the requirements with the same  
76 level of academic rigor as would otherwise be necessary to  
77 attain such credits.

78           (3) The adult high school authorized under this  
79 section shall award high school diplomas to students who  
80 successfully meet the established academic requirements.  
81 The adult high school authorized under this section shall  
82 confer the diploma as though the student earned the diploma  
83 at a traditional high school. The diploma shall have no  
84 differentiating marks, titles, or other symbols.

85           (4) Students at adult high schools may complete  
86 required coursework at their own pace and as available  
87 through the adult high school. They shall not be required  
88 to satisfy any specific number of class minutes. The adult  
89 high school may also make classes available to students  
90 online as may be appropriate. However, students shall not  
91 complete the majority of instruction of the school's  
92 curriculum online or through remote instruction. **For the**  
93 **purposes of this subsection, synchronous instruction**  
94 **connecting students to a live class conducted in a Missouri**  
95 **adult high school shall be treated the same as in-person**  
96 **instruction.**

97           (5) The department of elementary and secondary  
98 education shall not create additional regulations or burdens  
99 on the adult high school or the students attending the adult  
100 high schools beyond certifying necessary credits and

101 ensuring that students have sufficiently mastered the  
102 subject matter to make them eligible for credit.

103       **4. An adult high school shall be deemed a "secondary**  
104 **school system" for purposes of subdivision (15) of**  
105 **subsection 1 of section 210.211.**

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