

SENATE BILL NO. 137

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ESLINGER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a patriotic and civics training program for teachers.

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

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 170.370, to read as
3 follows:

170.370. 1. The department of elementary and
2 secondary education shall develop a patriotic and civics
3 training program in order to prepare teachers to teach the
4 principles of American civics and patriotism.

5 2. The patriotic and civics training program shall be
6 based upon the provisions and principles of the Constitution
7 of the United States, American history, and American
8 institutions. The patriotic and civics training program
9 shall also cover the provisions and principles of the
10 Constitution of Missouri. The department may identify and
11 collaborate with local, state, and national civics education
12 organizations and projects in developing and providing the
13 training program.

14 3. Each elementary and secondary education teacher
15 that completes the training program shall receive a one-time
16 bonus of three thousand dollars from the department.

17 4. The department of elementary and secondary
18 education shall promulgate rules and regulations to

19 implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or
20 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
21 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in
22 this section shall become effective only if it complies with
23 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,
24 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter
25 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with
26 the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to
27 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
28 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
29 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
30 August 28, 2023, shall be invalid and void.

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