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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PEARCE.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 167.131, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to student transfers.

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

Section A. Section 167.131, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 167.131, to read as follows:

167.131. 1. The board of education of each district in this state that does
2 not maintain an accredited school pursuant to the authority of the state board of
3 education to classify schools as established in section 161.092 shall pay the
4 tuition of and provide transportation consistent with the provisions of section
5 167.241 for each pupil resident therein who attends an accredited school in
6 another district of the same or an adjoining county.

7 2. The rate of tuition to be charged by the district attended and paid by
8 the sending district is the per pupil cost of maintaining the district's grade level
9 grouping which includes the school attended. The cost of maintaining a grade
10 level grouping shall be determined by the board of education of the district but
11 in no case shall it exceed all amounts spent for teachers' wages, incidental
12 purposes, debt service, maintenance and replacements. The term "debt service",
13 as used in this section, means expenditures for the retirement of bonded
14 indebtedness and expenditures for interest on bonded indebtedness. Per pupil
15 cost of the grade level grouping shall be determined by dividing the cost of
16 maintaining the grade level grouping by the average daily pupil attendance. If
17 there is disagreement as to the amount of tuition to be paid, the facts shall be
18 submitted to the state board of education, and its decision in the matter shall be
19 final. Subject to the limitations of this section, each pupil shall be free to attend
20 the public school of his or her choice. **Prior to the beginning of the 2012-**

21 2013 school year, the state board of education shall establish specific
22 criteria for the admission or rejection of nonresident pupils residing
23 in districts that have been classified as unaccredited by the state board
24 of education who seek admission into a school district in the same or
25 an adjoining county that is classified as accredited by the state board
26 of education. No public school shall deny admission of any nonresident
27 pupil from any district that has been classified as unaccredited by the
28 state board of education unless such criteria are met. Appeals by
29 either the district or the pupil's parent may be made to the state board
30 of education.

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