

SENATE BILL NO. 768

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR O'LAUGHLIN.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapters 161 and 162, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to accountability requirements for elementary and secondary schools.

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

Section A. Chapters 161 and 162, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 161.890 and 162.209, to read as follows:

161.890. 1. There is hereby established the "School Accountability Board". Board members shall be appointed as follows:

(1) The commissioner of education shall choose two members from among no more than three individuals from each of the following organizations:

(a) The Missouri association of school administrators;

(b) The Missouri chapter of the national education association;

(c) The Missouri chapter of the Missouri state teachers association; and

(d) The Missouri school board association;

(2) The commissioner shall choose one member from among no more than four individuals nominated by the Missouri public charter school commission;

(3) The president pro tempore of the senate shall choose four members at large with demonstrated expertise in education policy and school improvement, none of whom shall

19 be employees of a public school district or the immediate
20 family members thereof, and two of whom shall be researchers
21 with expertise on the impact of education and economic
22 development;

23 (4) The speaker of the house of representatives shall
24 choose:

25 (a) Two members from business and industry with
26 demonstrated commitment to education; and

27 (b) Two members at large with demonstrated expertise in
28 education policy and school improvement, none of whom shall
29 be employees of a public school district or the immediate
30 family members thereof.

31 Members appointed under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
32 subsection shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner
33 of education. Members appointed under subdivision (3) of
34 this subsection shall serve at the pleasure of the president
35 pro tempore of the senate. Members appointed under
36 subdivision (4) of this subsection shall serve at the
37 pleasure of the speaker of the house of representatives.

38 2. The accountability board shall advise the state
39 board of education and department of elementary and
40 secondary education on matters pertaining to the development
41 and implementation of the state's school improvement program
42 by:

43 (1) Working with department and state board of
44 education staff to develop all rules and regulations related
45 to school and district accountability and improvement prior
46 to adoption;

47 (2) Advising the department and state board of
48 education on policies and practices related to school and
49 district accountability and improvement;

50 (3) Developing and reviewing the results of an annual,
51 department-administered survey of schools and districts
52 receiving technical assistance related to accountability and
53 improvement; and

54 (4) Presenting findings and recommendations pertaining
55 to school and district accountability and improvement to the
56 state board of education at least two times annually.

162.209. 1. The department of elementary and
2 secondary education shall, by November first of each year,
3 publish on the department's website a list of schools in the
4 state that have been performing in the bottom five percent
5 of schools for more than three years, as determined by the
6 state's every student succeeds act plan, required by Section
7 1111 of the Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. Section
8 6311, and shall designate any such school as a "persistently
9 failing school".

10 2. Any district with more than two schools falling in
11 the bottom five percent of schools for more than two years
12 shall be classified as provisionally accredited by the state
13 board.

14 3. School districts with any school falling in the
15 bottom five percent of schools for three years over a five
16 year period beginning in 2018, shall take one of the
17 following actions by the end of the academic year:

18 (1) Close the school and transfer students attending
19 such school to a higher performing school within the
20 district;

21 (2) Develop a partnership with a nonprofit school
22 operator to create an in-district charter school; or

23 (3) Reimburse any district or charter school, that
24 will allow students to transfer, an amount equal to the
25 average per-pupil expenditure for the district.

26 4. Any school district that has more than twenty
27 percent of students attending persistently failing schools
28 shall work with an external partner to develop a district
29 plan to reduce the number of students in such schools by
30 five percent each year.

31 5. Any school district with more than twenty percent
32 of students attending a persistently failing school shall
33 establish a charter authorizing office, or partner with an
34 eligible public four-year college or university, pursuant to
35 section 160.400, to review any charter petitions for the
36 district, approve such petitions, and submit such charter
37 petitions to the board of education for a vote.

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