

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 535

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOWMAN.

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TED WEDEL, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to foreign language instruction in elementary schools.

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

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 170.027, to read as follows:

**170.027. 1. Every child at a public elementary school in this state shall receive  
2 regular classroom instruction in a foreign language. The state board of education shall set  
3 forth minimum standards for such instruction, which shall be implemented and may be  
4 exceeded by the local school boards of this state.**

**5 2. This section shall not apply to students:**

**6 (1) In any special school district;**

**7 (2) Who have a learning or reading disability which may require special  
8 instruction. Such students may receive such special instruction in lieu of foreign language  
9 classes;**

**10 (3) For whom English is a second language. Such students may receive special  
11 English instruction, if necessary, in lieu of foreign language classes; or**

**12 (4) Who should otherwise be exempt from such instruction, as the state board of  
13 education may by rule determine.**

**14 3. The state board of education shall make such rules as are necessary for the  
15 enforcement of this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to this  
16 section shall take effect unless such rule has been promulgated pursuant to chapter 536,  
17 RSMo.**