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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to opportunity scholarships for students in unaccredited or academically deficient schools.

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

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 162.1190, to read as follows:

162.1190. 1. This section shall be known as the "Opportunity Scholarship Act".

2 **2. Any student in either a school that has been declared academically deficient or**
3 **an unaccredited school district may be:**

4 **(1) Reimbursed by the school district in which he or she resides for tuition and**
5 **reasonable transportation costs to any other public school in any other public school**
6 **district in the state; or**

7 **(2) Reimbursed by the school district in which he or she resides for tuition and**
8 **reasonable transportation costs to any charter school in this state, as that term is defined**
9 **in section 160.400, RSMo.**

10 **3. Any student in either a school that has been declared academically deficient or**
11 **an unaccredited school district who chooses to stay in such school or school district shall**
12 **be reimbursed by the school district in which he or she resides for up to one thousand**
13 **dollars of supplemental educational services costs. For purposes of this section,**
14 **supplemental educational services may include, but shall not be limited to:**

15 **(1) Tutoring services;**

16 **(2) Fine arts education;**

17 **(3) Classes in special areas of interest;**

18 **(4) Tuition for college credit courses offered to secondary school students by public**

19 colleges and universities of this state; or

20 (5) The cost of purchasing supplemental educational materials.

21 4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate rules
22 specifying what supplemental educational services costs shall be reimbursable, and such
23 other rules as may be necessary for the enforcement of this section. No rule or portion of
24 a rule promulgated pursuant to this section shall take effect unless it has been promulgated
25 pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo.