

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 576

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE AULL.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to school violence prevention.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.370, to read as follows:

**161.370. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "School Safety and School Violence Prevention Fund", which shall consist of money collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. Upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.**

**2. Subject to appropriation, beginning with the 2013 fiscal year and in each subsequent year, the general assembly shall appropriate an amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars to the department of elementary and secondary education to be placed in the school safety and school violence prevention fund.**

**3. The department shall either select an existing agency or create a new agency that, under the department's direction, shall serve as the statewide center for school safety and**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 school violence prevention and be available to provide services and resources for all public  
18 school districts in the state.

19       **4. The department shall provide funding from the school safety and school violence**  
20 **prevention fund to the statewide center each year. The center shall use such funds for staff**  
21 **salaries and benefits, equipment, supplies, program materials, workshops, training**  
22 **sessions, and other items directly related to carrying out the mission of the center.**

23       **5. The center shall offer services and resources to all public schools of the state**  
24 **which shall include but not be limited to:**

25           **(1) Make violence prevention and intervention programs and models available, as**  
26 **well as provide training in the areas of bullying prevention, character education, conflict**  
27 **resolution, fight prevention and intervention, internet safety education, which shall include**  
28 **cyberbullying prevention, peer mediation, post-trauma defusing and debriefing, suicide**  
29 **prevention, human sensitivity awareness, violence prevention curriculum framework, and**  
30 **other related areas as determined by the center and the department;**

31           **(2) Provide guidance for districts as they conduct building and district safety**  
32 **reviews, including emergency preparedness;**

33           **(3) Provide examples of comprehensive school emergency plans;**

34           **(4) Assist in staff development on school safety and violence prevention issues;**

35           **(5) Periodically publish a safe schools newsletter or other publications;**

36           **(6) Maintain an active website;**

37           **(7) Provide annual training programs for school safety coordinators and provide**  
38 **an information network for these coordinators;**

39           **(8) Serve as a clearinghouse on school safety information for school staff, parents,**  
40 **community members, and other individuals or agencies; and**

41           **(9) Collaborate with national, state, and local agencies on school safety issues.**

42       **6. The center shall furnish the department with an annual budget each fiscal year,**  
43 **as well as a list of actual expenditures, at the end of each fiscal year. The center shall also**  
44 **provide for the department an annual year-end summary that highlights the different**  
45 **services and programs provided by the center during the year, as well as the number of**  
46 **schools that utilized each service or program. The department shall make such**  
47 **information available to the legislature annually.**