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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 1609**  
**96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 167, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to student study plans.

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

Section A. Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 167.780, to read as follows:

**167.780. 1. Prior to the end of the student's seventh grade year, and in conjunction  
2 with the student's parent or guardian, each school district shall be responsible for ensuring  
3 that each student develops a personal plan of study based upon standards adopted under  
4 this section.**

**5 2. The school district shall adopt all necessary policies to implement a  
6 comprehensive guidance and counseling program focusing on career awareness in the  
7 elementary grades, career exploration at the middle grades, and educational and career  
8 planning at the high school level, with the goal of ensuring that all students will possess the  
9 knowledge and skills to develop and implement a personal plan of study.**

**10 3. The school district policy shall include, but not be limited to, the following  
11 elements:**

**12 (1) Active participation by counselors, teachers, administrators, as well as  
13 involvement of the student's parent or guardian in the development, review and revision  
14 of personal plans of study;**

**15 (2) Adequate resources and training for the development of personal plans of  
16 study;**

**17 (3) Adequate time and opportunity for schools to implement the individual  
18 planning process required in the development of personal plans of study;**

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.

19           **(4) Access to the statewide, web-based educational and career planning system**  
20 **sponsored by the department of elementary and secondary education; and**

21           **(5) Opportunities for community involvement in the program, including activities**  
22 **such as job shadowing, volunteer experience, and internship experiences related to the**  
23 **educational and career goals of the student.**

24           **4. The personal plan of study shall be reviewed at least annually by school**  
25 **personnel and the student's parent or guardian and updated based upon the needs of the**  
26 **student. Each plan shall cover a term of eight years or until the student has reached his**  
27 **or her post-secondary goals, with implementation of the plan of study transferring to the**  
28 **program of post-secondary education or training upon the student's graduation. The plan**  
29 **shall include, but not be limited to:**

30           **(1) Requirements for graduation from the school district;**

31           **(2) Career or post-secondary goals based on career paths or career clusters;**

32           **(3) Course work or program of study related to career and post-secondary goals;**

33           **(4) Grade-appropriate, career-related experiences, as outlined in the grade level**  
34 **expectations of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program;**

35           **(5) Student assessments, interest inventories or academic results needed to develop,**  
36 **review, and revise the personal plan of study; and**

37           **(6) Opportunities for a post-secondary experience based on the results of well-**  
38 **planned exploration and knowledge of all post-secondary opportunities including but not**  
39 **limited to on-site or virtual visits, internship, exploration and planning for financial aid,**  
40 **dual and articulated credit, advanced placement course work and other relevant**  
41 **experiences, as appropriate.**

42           **5. Except for transferring the implementation of a student's personal plan on to a**  
43 **training program or higher education institution, nothing in this section shall require a**  
44 **district to be responsible for maintaining or updating a student's personal plan or meeting**  
45 **the annual meeting requirement when the student is no longer enrolled in the district.**

46           **6. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, when a student leaves a district,**  
47 **a copy of the student's personal plan shall be made available to the student or student's**  
48 **parents for their review, implementation, and development.**

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