

House Concurrent Resolution No. 19

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES GANNON (Sponsor), WILSON, PFAUTSCH, HURST,
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2 **WHEREAS**, the children of Missouri are our future and will provide the leadership,
3 creativity, and productivity to strengthen and sustain the quality of life in our state; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the state of Missouri has the responsibility for ensuring that our children
5 have every possible opportunity for school and future success; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, each student in Missouri deserves to be challenged academically and
8 prepared for college, meaningful employment in our global economy, and lifelong success; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, each student in Missouri deserves to be actively engaged in learning and
11 connected to the school and broader community; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, each student in Missouri deserves to be supported by qualified, caring
14 adults and receive access to personalized learning; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, each student in Missouri deserves to learn about and practice a healthy
17 lifestyle; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, each student in Missouri deserves to learn in an environment that is
20 physically and emotionally safe; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the consequences of not ensuring our young people are challenged,
23 engaged, supported, healthy and safe are clear; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, nearly 20,500 students did not graduate from Missouri's high schools in
26 2009, with lost lifetime earnings for those students totaling more than \$5.3 billion according to
27 the Alliance for Excellent Education; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, Missouri spends over \$53 million each year to provide community college
30 remediation education for recent high school graduates who did not acquire the basic skills
31 necessary to succeed in college or at work; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the percent of Missouri children living in poverty has increased from
33 approximately 15% in 2005 to nearly 20% in 2009; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, Missouri’s obesity rates have increased 13.4% over 10 years; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, research indicates that more than 20 percent of students report there is no
38 adult at their school who cares about them or knows them well; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, 23% of public schools reported that bullying occurred among students on
41 a daily or weekly basis during the 2009-2010 school year, according to the 2011 Indicators of
42 School Crime and Safety Report:

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44 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
45 Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
46 concurring therein, hereby recognizes March 2014 as Missouri Whole Child Month; and

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48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Assembly recognizes the value of
49 assuring that each student is challenged, engaged, supported, healthy, and safe; encourages
50 parents, educators, and community members to support a whole child approach to education for
51 each student; and

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53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Assembly encourages every Missouri
54 school to celebrate Whole Child Month by identifying at least one of the whole child tenets to
55 promote and encourage throughout the month.

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