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This bill changes the laws regarding the common core standards and school accreditation. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Prohibits the State Board of Education in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education from implementing or taking any action relating to common core standards;
- (2) Prohibits a school district from adopting the standards;
- (3) Prohibits a school district or open-enrollment charter school from adopting a curricular framework or materials derived from the standards and prohibits the acceptance of any public or private money to purchase materials to support a common core standards curriculum;
- (4) Nullifies and voids any actions taken by the state board before August 28, 2014, that violate Sections 160.514, 160.518, or 160.526, RSMo;
- (5) Prohibits the state board from adopting or developing a criterion-referenced assessment instrument that is based on common core standards;
- (6) Prohibits the reproduction or duplication of the statewide assessment system in any form for reporting to an educational entity that is not state-funded;
- (7) Requires the state board to consider any memorandum of agreement with an assessment consortium funded by the United States Department of Education to be null and void by legislative action; and
- (8) Revises the state board's authority to classify the public schools of the state, establish requirements for the schools of each class, and formulate rules governing the inspection and accreditation of schools preparatory to classification to allow a school district to determine the targeted priorities for the district, its plan of action, needed resources, and evaluation criteria.