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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1612

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SWAN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a career and technical education diploma.

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

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 170.029, to read as follows:

**170.029. 1. The state board of education shall establish minimum requirements for a career and technical education (CTE) certificate that a student can earn in addition to his or her high school graduation diploma. Students entering high school in school year 2017-18 and thereafter shall be eligible to earn a CTE certificate.**

**2. The state board of education shall establish CTE requirements intended to provide students with the necessary technical employability skills to be prepared for an entry-level career in a technical field or additional training in a technical field. The provisions of this section shall not be considered a means for tracking students in order to impel students to particular vocational, career, or college paths. The state board of education shall work with local school districts to ensure that tracking does not occur. For purposes of this section, "tracking" means separating pupils by academic ability into groups for all subjects or certain classes and curricula.**

**3. Each local school district shall determine the curricula, programs of study, and course offerings based on the needs and interests of the students in the district. As required by Missouri's state plan for career education and the Missouri school improvement program, the state board of education shall work in cooperation with individual school districts to stipulate the minimum number of CTE offerings. Each local**

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.

18 school district shall strive to offer programs of study that are economically feasible for  
19 students in the district. In establishing CTE offerings, the district may rely on standards  
20 for industry-recognized certificates or credentials.

21 4. No later than January 1, 2017, the department of elementary and secondary  
22 education shall develop a process for recognition of a school district's career and technical  
23 education program that offers a career and technical education certificate.

24 5. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate all  
25 necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion  
26 of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority  
27 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all  
28 of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and  
29 chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
30 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul  
31 a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and  
32 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

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