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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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.

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
2 known as section 170.029, to read as follows:

**170.029. 1. The state board of education shall establish minimum requirements for
2 a career and technical education (CTE) certificate that a student can earn in addition to
3 his or her high school graduation diploma. Students entering high school in school year
4 2017-18 and thereafter shall be eligible to earn a CTE certificate.**

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

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

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 students in the district. In establishing CTE offerings, the district may rely on standards,
20 technical coursework, and skills assessments developed for industry-recognized certificates
21 or credentials.

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

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

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