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AN ACT

To repeal sections 160.530 and 304.060, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to student transportation.

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

Section A. Sections 160.530 and 304.060, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 160.530 and 304.060, to read as follows:

160.530. 1. Beginning with fiscal year 1994 and for all fiscal years thereafter, in order
2 to be eligible for state aid distributed pursuant to section 163.031, a school district shall allocate
3 one percent of moneys received pursuant to section 163.031, exclusive of categorical add-ons,
4 to the professional development committee of the district as established in subdivision (1) of
5 subsection 4 of section 168.400, **provided that in any fiscal year ending with fiscal year 2024**
6 **in which the amount appropriated and expended to the public schools under section**
7 **163.161 for the transportation of pupils is less than twenty-five percent of the allowable**
8 **costs of providing pupil transportation under said section, a school district may, by**
9 **majority vote of its board, allocate an amount less than one percent of the moneys received**
10 **pursuant to section 163.031, exclusive of categorical add-ons, to the professional**
11 **development committee of the district but in no instance shall the district allocate less than**
12 **one-half of one percent of the moneys received pursuant to section 163.031, exclusive of**
13 **categorical add-ons, to the professional development committee of the district.** Of the
14 moneys allocated to the professional development committee in any fiscal year as specified by
15 this subsection, seventy-five percent of such funds shall be spent in the same fiscal year for
16 purposes determined by the professional development committee after consultation with the
17 administrators of the school district and approved by the local board of education as meeting the
18 objectives of a school improvement plan of the district that has been developed by the 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.

19 board. Moneys expended for staff training pursuant to any provisions of ~~[this]~~ **the outstanding**
20 **schools** act shall not be considered in determining the requirements for school districts imposed
21 by this subsection.

22 2. Beginning with fiscal year 1994 and for all fiscal years thereafter, eighteen million
23 dollars shall be distributed by the commissioner of education to address statewide areas of
24 critical need for learning and development, provided that such disbursements are approved by
25 the joint committee on education as provided in subsection 5 of this section, and as determined
26 by rule and regulation of the state board of education with the advice of the advisory council
27 provided by subsection 1 of section 168.015. The moneys described in this subsection may be
28 distributed by the commissioner of education to colleges, universities, private associations,
29 professional education associations, statewide associations organized for the benefit of members
30 of boards of education, public elementary and secondary schools, and other associations and
31 organizations that provide professional development opportunities for teachers, administrators,
32 family literacy personnel and boards of education for the purpose of addressing statewide areas
33 of critical need, provided that subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of this subsection shall constitute
34 priority uses for such moneys. "Statewide areas of critical need for learning and development"
35 shall include:

36 (1) Funding the operation of state management teams in districts with academically
37 deficient schools and providing resources specified by the management team as needed in such
38 districts;

39 (2) Funding for grants to districts, upon application to the department of elementary and
40 secondary education, for resources identified as necessary by the district, for those districts which
41 are failing to achieve assessment standards;

42 (3) Funding for family literacy programs;

43 (4) Ensuring that all children, especially children at risk, children with special needs, and
44 gifted students are successful in school;

45 (5) Increasing parental involvement in the education of their children;

46 (6) Providing information which will assist public school administrators and teachers
47 in understanding the process of site-based decision making;

48 (7) Implementing recommended curriculum frameworks as outlined in section 160.514;

49 (8) Training in new assessment techniques for students;

50 (9) Cooperating with law enforcement authorities to expand successful antidrug
51 programs for students;

52 (10) Strengthening existing curricula of local school districts to stress drug and alcohol
53 prevention;

54 (11) Implementing and promoting programs to combat gang activity in urban areas of
55 the state;

56 (12) Establishing family schools, whereby such schools adopt proven models of one-stop
57 state services for children and families;

58 (13) Expanding adult literacy services; and

59 (14) Training of members of boards of education in the areas deemed important for the
60 training of effective board members as determined by the state board of education.

61 3. Beginning with fiscal year 1994 and for all fiscal years thereafter, two million dollars
62 of the moneys appropriated to the department of elementary and secondary education otherwise
63 distributed to the public schools of the state pursuant to the provisions of section 163.031,
64 exclusive of categorical add-ons, shall be distributed in grant awards by the state board of
65 education, by rule and regulation, for the "Success Leads to Success" grant program, which is
66 hereby created. The purpose of the success leads to success grant program shall be to recognize,
67 disseminate and exchange information about the best professional teaching practices and
68 programs in the state that address student needs, and to encourage the staffs of schools with these
69 practices and programs to develop school-to-school networks to share these practices and
70 programs.

71 4. The department shall include a listing of all expenditures under this section in the
72 annual budget documentation presented to the governor and general assembly.

73 5. Prior to distributing any funds under subsection 2 of this section, the commissioner
74 of education shall appear before the joint committee on education and present a proposed
75 delineation of the programs to be funded under the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.
76 The joint committee shall review all proposed spending under subsection 2 of this section and
77 shall affirm, by a majority vote of all members serving on the committee, the spending proposal
78 of the commissioner prior to any disbursement of funds under subsection 2 of this section.

79 6. If any provision of subdivision (11) of subsection 4 of section 160.254 or any
80 provision of subsection 2 or 5 of this section regarding approval of disbursements by the joint
81 committee on education is held to be invalid for any reason, then such decision shall invalidate
82 subsection 2 of this section in its entirety.

304.060. 1. The state board of education shall adopt and enforce regulations not
2 inconsistent with law to cover the design and operation of all school buses used for the
3 transportation of school children when owned and operated by any school district or privately
4 owned and operated under contract with any school district in this state, and such regulations
5 shall by reference be made a part of any such contract with a school district. The state board of
6 education may adopt rules and regulations governing the use of other vehicles owned by a district
7 or operated under contract with any school district in this state and used for the purpose of

8 transporting school children. The operator of such vehicle shall be licensed in accordance with
9 section 302.272, and such vehicle shall transport no more children than the manufacturer
10 suggests as appropriate for such vehicle. The state board of education may also adopt rules and
11 regulations governing the use of authorized common carriers for the transportation of students
12 on field trips or other special trips for educational purposes. Every school district, its officers
13 and employees, and every person employed under contract by a school district shall be subject
14 to such regulations. The state board of education shall cooperate with the state transportation
15 department and the state highway patrol in placing suitable warning signs at intervals on the
16 highways of the state.

17 **2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, any school board**
18 **in the state of Missouri in an urban district containing the greater part of the population**
19 **of a city which has more than three hundred thousand inhabitants may contract with any**
20 **municipality, bi-state agency, or other governmental entity for the purpose of transporting**
21 **school children attending a grade or grades not lower than the ninth nor higher than the**
22 **twelfth grade, provided that such contract shall be for additional transportation services,**
23 **and shall not replace or fulfill any of the school district's obligations pursuant to section**
24 **167.231. The school district may notify students of the option to use district contracted**
25 **transportation services.**

26 **3.** Any officer or employee of any school district who violates any of the regulations or
27 fails to include obligation to comply with such regulations in any contract executed by him on
28 behalf of a school district shall be guilty of misconduct and subject to removal from office or
29 employment. Any person operating a school bus under contract with a school district who fails
30 to comply with any such regulations shall be guilty of breach of contract and such contract shall
31 be cancelled after notice and hearing by the responsible officers of such school district.

32 ~~[3-]~~ **4.** Any other provision of the law to the contrary notwithstanding, in any county of
33 the first class with a charter form of government adjoining a city not within a county, school
34 buses may bear the word "special".

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