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HOUSE BILL NO. 2625

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROWLAND (155).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 167, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to educational services for neglected or delinquent children.

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

Section A. Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 167.128, to read as follows:

3 **167.128. 1. The department of elementary and secondary education shall annually**
4 **collect all contracts school districts have entered into with private providers to provide**
5 **educational services to neglected or delinquent children residing in a court-ordered group**
6 **home, an institution for neglected children, or an institution for delinquent children. The**
7 **department of elementary and secondary education shall annually distribute the contracts**
8 **to each school district in the state that contains such a facility.**

9 **2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall monitor the**
10 **educational services that are provided to students in the facilities described in this section**
11 **and annually summarize the performance and cost of those services for the general**
12 **assembly and all departments of the executive branch that assist in the placement of**
13 **students or that provide resources or services to students.**

14 **3. If a school district contains a facility that serves neglected or delinquent children**
15 **residing in a court-ordered group home, an institution for neglected children, or an**
16 **institution for delinquent children, the department of elementary and secondary education**
shall be prohibited from creating any report or publication related to the Missouri school
improvement program, or any successor program, in which data from the district's

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.

17 regularly enrolled pupils is aggregated with data from the children residing in such facilities.
18 **4. Nothing in this section shall exempt the district in which a facility described in**
19 **this section is located from providing educational services according to federal law.**
20 **However, for accountability purposes under state and federal law, the department of**
21 **elementary and secondary education shall not count the students residing in any such**
22 **facility as part of the school district in which the facility is located, but shall instead**
23 **aggregate all neglected and delinquent children residing in facilities described in this**
24 **section and issue any reports as if the students and facilities were their own separate local**
25 **educational agency.**

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