

CCS HCS SB 743 -- ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, this bill requires schools to be in session for 1044 hours of pupil attendance, and eliminates the requirement that schools be in session for any minimum number of days (Sections 160.011, 160.041, 163.021, 163.073, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo).

Currently, the law only permits alternative and special purpose charter schools to give an admissions preference to high-risk students. This bill eliminates that restriction, allowing all charter schools to give such a preference (Section 160.410).

The bill provides students the opportunity to choose between the ACT WorkKeys assessment or the ACT assessment in any school year in which the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) or a school district directs an administration of the ACT assessment (Section 160.572).

This bill requires the Governor to appoint a teacher representative to the State Board of Education. The teacher representative will not have the right to vote on any matter or be counted in establishing a quorum. The teacher representative will not be allowed in a closed meeting (Sections 161.026 and 161.072).

The bill also requires DESE to handle career and technical student organization funds (Section 161.106).

This bill extends the sunset for the early learning quality assurance report pilot program from August 28, 2019 until August 28, 2022 (Section 161.217).

This bill authorizes the treasurer of a seven-director school district, when entering into a bond to the State of Missouri, to use one or more sureties instead of the two or more sureties required by current law (Section 162.401).

This bill requires any district with an approved gifted education program to have a process by which parents or guardians may appeal the decision that their child does not qualify for the school's gifted education program. Schools also must establish a policy that allows for subject or whole grade acceleration for any student who demonstrates advanced performance and emotional readiness for acceleration (Sections 162.720 and 162.722).

This bill provides that when including early childhood education students in a school's calculation of average daily attendance for purposes of state funding, the school may fill an enrollment spot vacated by a student leaving the program during the school year

with another child who meets the same criteria without affecting the school's calculation of average daily attendance (Section 163.018).

This bill requires the aggregate annual increase in the valuation of property assessed by the State Tax Commission to be considered new construction and improvement (Section 164.011).

This bill prohibits DESE from creating any report relating to the Missouri school improvement program in which data from a district's regularly enrolled students are aggregated with data from students residing in facilities that serve neglected or delinquent children. DESE shall aggregate all students residing in such facilities and issue reports as if the students and facilities were a separate local educational agency (Section 167.128).

The bill also requires schools to provide braille instruction to eligible students unless the individual education program team determines that braille instruction is not appropriate (Section 167.225).

The Department of Economic Development shall annually identify occupations that are experiencing a critical need for trained personnel and notify the State Board of Education (SBE). The SBE shall send the data, along with information about careers, salaries, job-finding, and education, to all Missouri high schools for distribution to students each year (Section 167.902).

The bill allows teachers to count hours spent in local business externships as professional development hours (Section 168.024).

This bill requires DESE to develop a process for recognition of a school district's school library information and technology program before July 1, 2019 (Section 168.770).

This bill provides that beginning July 1, 2018, DESE shall pay monthly, out of appropriated funds for that purpose, to each sheltered workshop a sum determined by specified criteria, but no less than \$21 per day for each handicapped employee (Section 178.931).

The bill permits the Kansas City school district to contract with any governmental agency for the purpose of transporting high school children for extra-curricular activities (Section 304.060).