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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 456

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a high school diploma endorsement in STEM.

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 170.032, to read as follows:

170.032. 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms mean:

(1) "Granting local education provider", a school district or charter school that chooses to grant a STEM diploma endorsement to a student who demonstrates mastery in the STEM disciplines as described in this section;

(2) "STEM", the combination of the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

2. A school district or charter school may grant a diploma endorsement in STEM to a graduating high school student who demonstrates mastery in the STEM disciplines.

3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall convene a work group to recommend coursework standards relating to qualifications for a student to receive a STEM endorsement as outlined in this section.

4. The work group shall be composed of the following ten members, who shall be appointed by the governor:

(1) The governor or his or her designee;

(2) The commissioner of education or his or her designee;

(3) The commissioner of higher education or his or her designee;

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 **(4) Seven members who represent the interests of each of the following groups, to**
19 **be appointed by the governor:**

20 **(a) The department of elementary and secondary education;**

21 **(b) Charter schools;**

22 **(c) Community colleges;**

23 **(d) Private colleges or universities;**

24 **(e) Children with disabilities, including children with autism spectrum disorders;**

25 **(f) After-school programs; and**

26 **(g) Teachers.**

27 **5. Each granting local education provider shall annually provide to each student**
28 **enrolled in grades six through twelve, and each student's parents or guardians,**
29 **information concerning the requirements for obtaining the STEM diploma endorsement.**

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