

HOUSE BILL NO. 1499

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTON GRAY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a council for community education.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.960, to read as follows:

161.960. 1. There is hereby established in the department of elementary and secondary education a "Council for Community Education".

2. The council shall have a membership of eleven persons, who shall be appointed by the governor. Membership may include, but not be limited to, representatives of the following groups:

- (1) Civic organizations;**
- (2) Community-based organizations;**
- (3) Community education organizations;**
- (4) Local government;**
- (5) Local school district administrators;**
- (6) Parent organizations;**
- (7) Postsecondary education;**
- (8) School boards; and**
- (9) Teachers.**

3. The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee shall convene the first meeting of the council for the purpose of establishing the bylaws of the council and electing officers to include a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary. The council

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 shall not meet more than four times annually. Members may be reimbursed for expenses
19 but shall not receive a per diem allowance.

20 4. The council shall:

21 (1) Conduct feasibility studies on the establishment of community education
22 programs within the state;

23 (2) Advise the commissioner of education and the department of elementary and
24 secondary education on issues relating to the establishment of community education
25 programs;

26 (3) Make recommendations for a state plan for community education that sets forth
27 the goals and objectives of a community schools program and establishes a system of
28 priorities for targeting available resources on the areas with the greatest need within a
29 school district; and

30 (4) Make recommendations for the funding of local community education
31 programs.

32 5. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

33 (1) "Community education program", a program in which a public building,
34 including a public elementary or secondary school, is used as a community center operated
35 by a school board in cooperation with other groups in the community, community
36 organizations, and local governmental agencies to provide educational, recreational,
37 cultural, health care, and other related community services in accordance with the needs,
38 interests, and concerns of the community;

39 (2) "Community school", a school that makes its facilities available for citizen use,
40 coordinates activities of local citizens in identifying program needs and establishing
41 priorities, identifies and utilizes available program resources, and assists in the initiation
42 of programs to improve the cultural, social, recreational, and educational opportunities
43 available in a community.

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