

SENATE BILL NO. 133

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR O'LAUGHLIN.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to accountability requirements for low-performing schools.

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

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 162.209, to read as follows:

162.209. 1. The department of elementary and secondary education shall, by November first of each year, publish on the department's website a list of schools in the state that have been performing in the bottom five percent of schools for more than three years, as determined by the state's every student succeeds act plan, required by Section 1111 of the Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 6311, and shall designate any such school as a "persistently failing school".

2. Any district with more than two schools falling in the bottom five percent of schools for more than two years shall be classified as provisionally accredited by the state board.

3. School districts with any school falling in the bottom five percent of schools for three years over a five year period beginning in 2018, shall take one of the following actions by the end of the academic year:

18 (1) Close the school and transfer students attending
19 such school to a higher performing school within the
20 district;

21 (2) Develop a partnership with a nonprofit school
22 operator to create an in-district charter school; or

23 (3) Reimburse any district or charter school, that
24 will allow students to transfer, an amount equal to the
25 average per-pupil expenditure for the district.

26 4. Any school district that has more than twenty
27 percent of students attending persistently failing schools
28 shall work with an external partner to develop a district
29 plan to reduce the number of students in such schools by
30 five percent each year.

31 5. Any school district with more than twenty percent
32 of students attending a persistently failing school shall
33 establish a charter authorizing office, or partner with an
34 eligible public four-year college or university, pursuant to
35 section 160.400, to review any charter petitions for the
36 district, approve such petitions, and submit such charter
37 petitions to the board of education for a vote.

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