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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 167, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the management of dyslexia and related disorders in public schools.

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
2 section, to be known as section 167.950, to read as follows:

**167.950. 1. Each public school shall test each enrolling student
2 for dyslexia and related disorders at appropriate times in accordance
3 with rules promulgated by the state board of education.**

**4 2. The school board of each district and the governing board of
5 each charter school shall provide for the treatment of any student
6 determined to have dyslexia or a related disorder.**

7 3. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

**8 (1) "Dyslexia", a disorder of constitutional origin manifested by
9 a difficulty in learning to read, write, or spell, despite conventional
10 instruction, adequate intelligence, and sociocultural opportunity;**

**11 (2) "Related disorders", includes disorders similar to or related
12 to dyslexia, such as developmental auditory imperception, dysphasia,
13 specific developmental dyslexia, developmental dysgraphia, and
14 developmental spelling disability.**

**15 4. The state board of education shall promulgate rules and
16 regulations for each public school to test each enrolling student for
17 dyslexia and related disorders. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that
18 term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority
19 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with
20 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable,
21 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if**

22 any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter
23 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul
24 a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
25 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August
26 28, 2015, shall be invalid and void.

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