

HOUSE BILL NO. 1320

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 210.861, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to youth opportunities.

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

Section A. Section 210.861, RSMo, is repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 161.980, 210.861, and 620.1110, to read as follows:

161.980. 1. (1) As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(a) "Full-course load", no fewer than fourteen credits per school year;

(b) "Overload course", a course taken that is in excess of or more than the number of courses taken in the normal school day as a normal school day is defined for purposes of average-daily attendance under section 163.011;

(c) "Parent", parent or parents or guardian or guardians;

(d) "School district", a Missouri school district or a public charter school, located in a particular area of this state, as selected for the pilot project under this section by the department of elementary and secondary education, that provides education to any grades 7 through 12;

(e) "School year", the normal school year that begins upon the conclusion of the break between grades and ends upon the beginning of the same break of the following year.

(2) There is hereby established within the department of elementary and secondary education a pilot program to be known as the "8 in 6 Program". Under this program, the two years of seventh and eighth grade, the four years of high school, and the first two years of college or professional-technical preparation that normally take eight years to complete

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 are compressed into six years by taking full-course loads during the school year and one
19 or two online courses during the summer or as online overload courses. Students who
20 successfully complete the program will conclude high school with an associates degree.

21 2. Under the 8 in 6 program, the department of elementary and secondary
22 education shall pay for a portion of the cost of summer online courses and online overload
23 courses as provided for in subdivision (2) of this subsection from moneys appropriated for
24 this purpose. In order to participate in the program, a student and the student's parent
25 shall sign an agreement that the student will:

26 (1) Take and successfully complete dual credit or professional-technical education
27 courses for at least a portion of the student's courses during the eleventh and twelfth grade
28 years. Funding for this requirement shall not be provided by the 8 in 6 program; and

29 (2) Take and successfully complete at least one summer online or online overload
30 course and a full-course load of at least fourteen credits per-school year. The state shall
31 pay two hundred twenty-five dollars per-one credit summer online course or one-credit
32 online overload course taken in this program. Provided however, that if the Missouri K-12
33 Virtual Instruction Program (MoVIP) receives a state guarantee or appropriation of at
34 least five million dollars for fiscal year 2015, the state shall pay no moneys for the 8 in 6
35 program for that fiscal year, and MoVIP shall provide the online courses necessary to meet
36 the needs of the 8 in 6 program for that fiscal year, at a cost not to exceed seventy-five
37 dollars per course. The state shall pay for no more than two credits of online overload
38 courses per student per-school year. The state shall pay for no more than two credits of
39 summer online courses per student per summer. The state shall pay for no more than a
40 combined total of four credits of summer online or online overload courses per student per
41 year. The state shall pay for no more than a combined total of eight credits of summer
42 online and online overload courses per student during such student's participation in the
43 program.

44 3. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "8 in 6 Program Fund". The
45 state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and
46 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund
47 and, upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of
48 this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, to the contrary, any moneys
49 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the
50 general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same
51 manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments
52 shall be credited to the fund.

53 **4. Participation in the 8 in 6 program shall be limited to no more than twenty-five**
54 **percent of students in each grade 7 through 12. Such limitation shall be applied initially**
55 **on a grade-by-grade basis. If any grades do not fully utilize their available participation**
56 **slots, the school district shall reallocate such participation slots to those grades in which**
57 **more than twenty-five of the students have applied for participation in the program.**
58 **Students accepted into the program shall remain in the program from year to year unless**
59 **they sign a withdrawal form developed by the department of elementary and secondary**
60 **education. If a participating student transfers from one school district to another, such**
61 **student shall not remain enrolled in the program. The department of elementary and**
62 **secondary education shall maintain a list of participants.**

63 **5. If the number of students applying for participation in the program exceeds the**
64 **number of participation slots available in the school district, the school district shall**
65 **establish participation preference criteria. Such criteria shall include students who have**
66 **successfully completed at least one online course prior to participating in the program, and**
67 **may include any of the following:**

- 68 **(1) Grade-point average;**
- 69 **(2) State achievement test results;**
- 70 **(3) Other school district administered student assessments.**

71 **6. If a student participating in the program fails to complete with a grade of C or**
72 **better one or more summer online or online overload courses while in the program, the**
73 **student shall pay for and successfully complete a summer online or online overload course**
74 **with a grade of C or better before continuing in the program.**

75 **7. The school district shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that any student who**
76 **considers participating in the program considers the challenges and time necessary to**
77 **succeed in the program. Such efforts by the district shall be performed prior to a student**
78 **participating in the program.**

79 **8. To qualify as an eligible course for the program, the course shall be offered by**
80 **a provider accredited by the organization that accredits Missouri high schools or an**
81 **organization whose accreditation of providers is recognized by the organization that**
82 **accredits Missouri high schools. Dual credit, advanced placement, and concurrent**
83 **enrollment courses are not eligible under the program.**

84 **9. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate rules**
85 **to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is**
86 **defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall**
87 **become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter**
88 **536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and**

89 **if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review,**
90 **to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**
91 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted**
92 **after August 28, 2015, shall be invalid and void.**

93 **10. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

94 **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall**
95 **automatically sunset six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by**
96 **an act of the general assembly; and**

97 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**
98 **shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this**
99 **section; and**

100 **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately**
101 **following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.**

210.861. 1. When the tax prescribed by section 210.860 or section 67.1775 is
2 established, the governing body of the city or county or city not within a county shall appoint a
3 board of directors consisting of nine members, who shall be residents of the city or county or city
4 not within a county. All board members shall be appointed to serve for a term of three years,
5 except that of the first board appointed, three members shall be appointed for one-year terms,
6 three members for two-year terms and three members for three-year terms. Board members may
7 be reappointed. In a city not within a county, or any county of the first classification with a
8 charter form of government with a population not less than nine hundred thousand inhabitants,
9 or any county of the first classification with a charter form of government with a population not
10 less than two hundred thousand inhabitants and not more than six hundred thousand inhabitants,
11 or any noncharter county of the first classification with a population not less than one hundred
12 seventy thousand and not more than two hundred thousand inhabitants, or any noncharter county
13 of the first classification with a population not less than eighty thousand and not more than
14 eighty-three thousand inhabitants, or any third classification county with a population not less
15 than twenty-eight thousand and not more than thirty thousand inhabitants, or any county of the
16 third classification with a population not less than nineteen thousand five hundred and not more
17 than twenty thousand inhabitants the members of the community mental health board of trustees
18 appointed pursuant to the provisions of sections 205.975 to 205.990 shall be the board members
19 for the community children's services fund. The directors shall not receive compensation for
20 their services, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses.

21 2. The board shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, and such other officers as
22 it deems necessary for its membership. Before taking office, the treasurer shall furnish a surety
23 bond, in an amount to be determined and in a form to be approved by the board, for the faithful

24 performance of his or her duties and faithful accounting of all moneys that may come into his
25 or her hands. The treasurer shall enter into the surety bond with a surety company authorized
26 to do business in Missouri, and the cost of such bond shall be paid by the board of directors. The
27 board shall administer and expend all funds generated pursuant to section 210.860 or section
28 67.1775 in a manner consistent with this section.

29 3. The board may contract with public or not-for-profit agencies licensed or certified
30 where appropriate to provide qualified services and may place conditions on the use of such
31 funds. The board shall reserve the right to audit the expenditure of any and all funds. The board
32 and any agency with which the board contracts may establish eligibility standards for the use of
33 such funds and the receipt of services. No member of the board shall serve on the governing
34 body, have any financial interest in, or be employed by any agency which is a recipient of funds
35 generated pursuant to section 210.860 or section 67.1775.

36 4. Revenues collected and deposited in the community children's services fund may be
37 expended for the purchase of the following services:

38 (1) Up to thirty days of temporary shelter for abused, neglected, runaway, homeless or
39 emotionally disturbed youth; respite care services; and services to unwed mothers;

40 (2) Outpatient chemical dependency and psychiatric treatment programs; counseling and
41 related services as a part of transitional living programs; home-based and community-based
42 family intervention programs; unmarried parent services; crisis intervention services, inclusive
43 of telephone hotlines; and prevention programs which promote healthy lifestyles among children
44 and youth and strengthen families;

45 (3) Individual, group, or family professional counseling and therapy services;
46 psychological evaluations; and mental health screenings;

47 **(4) Services provided by a regional youth initiative established under subsection**
48 **6 of this section.**

49 5. Revenues collected and deposited in the community children's services fund may not
50 be expended for inpatient medical, psychiatric, and chemical dependency services, or for
51 transportation services.

52 **6. The governing body of any city or county that has imposed a tax under section**
53 **67.1775 or 210.860 may establish a regional youth initiative within such city or county, and**
54 **may use revenues deposited in the community children's services fund for services**
55 **provided by such initiative. Any such initiative established under this subsection shall seek**
56 **to identify local children and youth who demonstrate a commitment to learning, positive**
57 **values, social competencies, positive identity developmental skills or assets, school**
58 **completion and success, and risk prevention, and shall assist and support such local**
59 **children and youth in their efforts to be academically and vocationally productive, socially**

60 and civically connected, and healthy and safe by encouraging participation in programs
61 promoting healthy development, learning skills for today's and tomorrow's jobs, and being
62 connected to the community, thereby assisting such local children and youth in their
63 preparation to succeed. The initiative shall identify existing programs or develop and
64 provide programs described in this subsection to accomplish the listed purposes.

2 **620.1110. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri
Promise Zone Initiative".**

3 **2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

4 **(1) "Rural promise zone", any promise zone that meets all of the following criteria:**

5 **(a) The promise zone shall encompass one or more census tracts or portions of**
6 **census tracts across a contiguous geography, and rural applicants may define their**
7 **boundaries by either census tracts or by county, where multiple counties are included;**

8 **(b) As determined by federal law, the rate of overall poverty or extremely low-**
9 **income rate, whichever is greater, of residents within the promise zone shall be at or above**
10 **twenty percent, and the promise zone shall contain at least one census tract with a poverty**
11 **rate at or above thirty percent;**

12 **(c) Promise zone boundaries shall encompass no more than two hundred thousand**
13 **inhabitants. The population limit of two hundred thousand shall not include any**
14 **incorporated municipalities or unincorporated areas with more than fifty thousand**
15 **inhabitants. Rural promise zones may fall in nonmetro and metro counties;**

16 **(d) Local leadership, including the city, village, and county governing officials of**
17 **all political subdivisions represented in the promise zone, shall demonstrate commitment**
18 **to the promise zone effort. Proposed promise zone boundaries may cross political**
19 **subdivision boundary lines, but one political subdivision within such boundaries shall be**
20 **identified as the lead applicant and, for cross-jurisdictional applications, commitment shall**
21 **be demonstrated by the leadership of all the political subdivisions involved;**

22 **(2) "Urban promise zone", any promise zone that meets all of the following criteria:**

23 **(a) The promise zone shall encompass one or more census tracts or portions of**
24 **census tracts across a contiguous geography;**

25 **(b) As determined by federal law, the rate of overall poverty or extremely low-**
26 **income rate, whichever is greater, of residents within the promise zone shall be at or above**
27 **thirty-three percent;**

28 **(c) Promise zone boundaries shall encompass at least ten thousand but no more**
29 **than two hundred thousand inhabitants; and**

30 **(d) Local leadership, including the mayors, chief executives, or equivalent officials**
31 **of all political subdivisions represented in the promise zone, shall demonstrate commitment**

32 to the promise zone effort. Proposed promise zone boundaries may cross political
33 subdivision boundary lines, but one political subdivision within such boundaries shall be
34 identified as the lead applicant and, for cross-jurisdictional applications, commitment shall
35 be demonstrated by the leadership of all the political subdivisions involved;

36 (3) "Promise zone", any rural or urban promise zone designated under this section.

37 3. (1) The department of economic development shall designate promise zones as
38 provided in this section. Upon the designation of a promise zone, the department shall
39 develop a coordinated improvement plan with all state departments to ensure that the
40 various state departments, particularly the department of economic development, the
41 department of elementary and secondary education, the department of mental health, the
42 department of social services, and the department of corrections, will seek to revitalize
43 high-poverty communities within such promise zone by creating jobs, increasing economic
44 activity, improving educational opportunities, reducing serious and violent crime,
45 leveraging private capital, and assisting local leaders in navigating state programs by
46 partnering with local leaders who are addressing multiple community revitalization
47 challenges in a collaborative way and have demonstrated a commitment to results, with a
48 particular emphasis on health and wellness, economic development, youth services, and
49 community pride.

50 (2) To qualify for designation as a promise zone, a political subdivision or the lead
51 applicant of a group of political subdivisions shall submit an application to the department
52 for designation as a promise zone. The application shall be developed by the department,
53 and shall contain all information deemed necessary by the department, including a clear
54 description of how the promise zone designation would accelerate and strengthen the area's
55 efforts at comprehensive community revitalization.

56 (3) Upon the designation as a promise zone, the department of economic
57 development shall establish a board within each promise zone, consisting of five members
58 who are residents of the promise zone. The board shall assist the local leaders in building
59 the capacity of the promise zone designees to work with state departments, coordinate key
60 stakeholders, and create programs that address the community's needs. The board shall
61 also assist the local leaders in applying for and receiving any federal or state benefits to be
62 used in meeting the promise zone's objectives.

63 (4) Each promise zone designation shall have a term of ten years and may be
64 extended as necessary to capture the full term of availability of any promise zone tax
65 incentives enacted by the state general assembly.

66 **(5) The department of economic development shall annually prepare and file a**
67 **report with the general assembly that tracks the progress of the Missouri promise zone**
68 **initiative and that identifies areas of and plans for improvement.**

69 **(6) The department may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this**
70 **section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is**
71 **created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**
72 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**
73 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers**
74 **vested with the general assembly under chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date,**
75 **or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant**
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77 **invalid and void.**

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