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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to establishment of a career and technical education diploma.

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 170.029, to read as follows:

170.029. 1. The state board of education shall establish minimum graduation requirements for a career and technical education (CTE) high school diploma. Students entering high school in the 2016-17 school year and thereafter shall be eligible to earn a CTE diploma. A CTE diploma shall be a high school graduation diploma that confers the same benefits for students that are conferred by any other high school diploma meeting graduation requirements established by the state board of education.

2. A CTE diploma shall be based on requirements designed to provide students with technical skills and core academic skills and shall demonstrate that the student is ready for a career in a technical field.

3. Curriculum, programs of study, and course offerings shall be determined by the local school district based on the needs and interests of the students in the district. The state board of education shall work in cooperation with individual school districts to stipulate the minimum number of vocational offerings per district, with the goal of establishing a minimum offering of six vocational areas of study in each district. An effort shall be made by the local district to offer programs of study relating to as many vocational career paths as economically feasible to students in the district. In establishing curriculum

22 requirements, the district may incorporate standards for
23 industry-recognized certifications.

24 4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall
25 promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration
26 of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in
27 section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this
28 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to
29 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
30 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of
31 the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536
32 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
33 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
34 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2015, shall
35 be invalid and void.

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