

Title 5—DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
Division 30—Division of Financial and Administrative Services
Chapter 660—School Finance

PROPOSED RULE

5 CSR 30-660.090 Charter School Local Education Agency (LEA) Attendance Hour Reporting

PURPOSE: This proposed rule establishes policies and standards for charter school local education agencies (LEAs) for providing foundation formula payment in accordance with Chapter 160, RSMo, to meet the health and safety needs of students and faculty if social distancing is necessary due to COVID-19 during the 2020-2021 school year.

(1) The following definitions apply to this rule:

(A) Average Daily Attendance (ADA): the quotient or the sum of the quotients obtained by dividing the total number of hours attended in a term by pupils between the ages of five (5) and twenty-one (21) by the actual number of hours school was in session in that term.

(B) First Preceding Year: The school year prior to the year attendance was impacted by COVID-19, specifically the 2019-2020 school year for the purpose of this rule.

(C) Weighted Average Daily Attendance (WADA): The average daily attendance plus the product of twenty-five hundredths (0.25) multiplied by the free and reduced price lunch pupil count that exceeds the free and reduced price lunch threshold, plus the product of seventy-five (0.75) hundredths multiplied by the number of special education pupil count that exceeds the special education threshold, plus the product of six-tenths (0.6) multiplied by the number of limited English proficiency pupil count that exceeds the limited English proficiency threshold.

(2) For the purposes of state aid calculation outlined in section 160.415, RSMo, during the 2020-2021 school year, WADA for charter school LEAs shall be defined as the higher of the current year's WADA or the first preceding year's WADA. This provision is applicable for the 2020-2021 school year.

(3) For the purposes of other state aid calculations outlined in sections 163.043 and 163.087, RSMo, that rely on the 2020-2021 school year ADA or WADA, charter school LEAs may rely on the higher of the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 applicable ADA or WADA. This provision is applicable for the 2021-2022 school year.

AUTHORITY: sections 161.092, 160.415, 163.031, 163.043, and 163.087, RSMo 2016. Original rule filed August 19, 2020.

PUBLIC COST: This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, ATTN: Kari Monsees, Division of Financial and Administrative Services, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480, or by email to DESE.AdminRules@dese.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*