

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

Offered by _____ of _____

Amend SS/SCS/Senate Bill No. 890, Page 3, Section 105.1650, Line 13,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

3 "160.425. 1. The "Missouri Charter Public School
4 Commission" is hereby created within the department of
5 elementary and secondary education with the authority to
6 sponsor high quality charter schools throughout the state of
7 Missouri.

8 2. The commission shall consist of nine members
9 appointed by the [governor, by and with the advice and
10 consent of the senate] state board of education. No more
11 than five of the members shall be of the same political
12 party. No more than two members shall be from the same
13 congressional district. The term of office of each member
14 shall be four years, except those of the members first
15 appointed, of which three shall be appointed for a term of
16 one year, two for a term of two years, two for a term of
17 three years, and two for a term of four years. At the
18 expiration of the term of each member, the [governor, by and
19 with the advice and consent of the senate,] state board of
20 education shall appoint a successor.

21 3. [The appointees to the commission shall be selected
22 as follows:

23 (1) One member selected by the governor from a slate
24 of three recommended by the commissioner of education;

25 (2) One member selected by the governor from a slate
26 of three recommended by the commissioner of higher education;

27 (3) One member selected by the governor from a slate
28 of three recommended by the president pro tempore of the
29 senate;

30 (4) One member selected by the governor from a slate
31 of three recommended by the speaker of the house of
32 representatives; and

33 (5) Five additional members appointed by the governor,
34 one of whom shall be selected from a slate of three nominees
35 recommended by the Missouri School Boards Association.

36 [4.] Members appointed to the commission shall
37 collectively possess strong experience and expertise in
38 governance, management and finance, school leadership,
39 assessment, curriculum and instruction, and education law.
40 All members of the commission shall have demonstrated
41 understanding of and commitment to charter schooling as a
42 strategy for strengthening public education.

43 [5.] 4. The commission shall annually elect a
44 chairperson and vice chairperson, who shall act as
45 chairperson in his or her absence. The commission shall
46 meet at the call of the chairperson. The chairperson may
47 call meetings at such times as he or she deems advisable and
48 shall call a meeting when requested to do so by three or
49 more members of the commission. Members of the commission
50 are not eligible to receive compensation.

51 [6.] 5. The commission may approve proposed charters
52 for its sponsorship under sections 160.400 to 160.425 and
53 shall:

54 (1) Comply with all of the requirements applicable to
55 sponsors under sections 160.400 to 160.425;

56 (2) Exercise sponsorship over charters approved by the
57 commission under sections 160.400 to 160.425, including

58 receipt of sponsorship funding under subsection 11 of
59 section 160.400. Sponsorship funding due to the commission
60 shall be deposited to the credit of the charter public
61 school commission revolving fund created pursuant to this
62 section.

63 [7.] 6. Charter schools sponsored by the commission
64 shall comply with all of the requirements applicable to
65 charter schools under sections 160.400 to 160.425.

66 [8.] 7. The commission shall conduct its business in
67 accordance with chapter 610.

68 [9.] 8. The department of elementary and secondary
69 education shall provide start-up funding for the commission
70 to operate. The commission shall reimburse the department's
71 costs from any funds it receives as sponsor under section
72 160.400.

73 [10.] 9. The commission is authorized to receive and
74 expend gifts, grants, and donations of any kind from any
75 public or private entity to carry out the purposes of
76 sections 160.400 to 160.425, subject to the terms and
77 conditions under which they are given, provided that all
78 such terms and conditions are permissible under law.

79 [11.] 10. There is hereby created in the state
80 treasury the "Charter Public School Commission Revolving
81 Fund", which shall consist of moneys collected under this
82 section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the
83 fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the
84 state treasurer may approve disbursements. Notwithstanding
85 the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys
86 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not
87 revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state
88 treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner
89 as other funds are invested. Subject to appropriation,

90 moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the
91 administration of this section."; and

92 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.