

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 497, Page 28, Section 169.596, Line 34,
2 by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "170.025. 1. Each school district and charter school shall ensure that:

5 (1) Each elementary school under the control of such school district or charter school
6 provides instruction in cursive writing so that students create readable documents through legible
7 cursive handwriting by the end of the fifth grade; and

8 (2) Each student passes with proficiency a teacher-constructed test demonstrating
9 competency in both reading and writing cursive.

10 2. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate rules to
11 implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in
12 section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective
13 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,
14 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested
15 with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
16 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
17 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2023, shall be invalid and void."; and

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19 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
20 accordingly.

Action Taken _____ Date _____