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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to college admissions policies.

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

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 173.052, to read as follows:

173.052. 1. Each approved public institution as defined in section 173.205 shall admit an applicant for admission to the institution as an undergraduate student if the applicant graduates from a public or private high school in this state accredited by a generally recognized accrediting organization with a grade-point average in the top ten percent of the applicant's high school graduating class.

2. If the number of applicants entitled to automatic admission pursuant to subsection 1 of this section seeking admission to approved public institution exceeds the available number of spaces offered for enrollment at the institution for any semester:

(1) The institution shall conduct a lottery to award the spaces to eligible applicants; and

(2) An eligible applicant not selected for admission may delay the applicant's admission to the institution until space is available.

3. For the purposes of this section, it is presumed that a high school student with a grade-point average in the top ten percent of the student's high school class at the beginning of a semester in which the student is entitled to graduate will graduate with a grade-point average in the top ten percent of the student's high school graduating class. If the student does not graduate at the end of that semester, or fails to graduate

with a grade-point average in the top ten percent of the student's graduating class, the institution may, but is not required to, withdraw an offer of admission to the student, even if the student has accepted the offer. An offer of admission to a student to whom the presumption applies must indicate whether the offer may be withdrawn pursuant to this subsection and that the student's acceptance of the offer is conditioned on the student graduating at the end of that semester as required by subsection 1 of this section.

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