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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 830**  
94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Pensions, Veterans' Affairs and General Laws, February 7, 2008, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 830, adopted February 13, 2008.

Taken up for Perfection February 13, 2008. Bill declared Perfected and Ordered Printed.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to combat veterans.

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*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  
2 section, to be known as section 173.900, to read as follows:

**173.900. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act".**

**3 2. For the purpose of this section, the term "combat veteran"  
4 shall mean a person who served in armed combat in the military after  
5 September 11, 2001, and to whom the following criteria shall apply:**

**6 (1) The veteran was a Missouri resident when first entering the  
7 military; and**

**8 (2) The veteran was discharged from military service under  
9 honorable conditions.**

**10 3. All institutions of higher education that receive any state  
11 funds whatsoever shall limit the amount of tuition such institutions  
12 charge to combat veterans to fifty dollars per credit hour, as long as  
13 the veteran achieves and maintains a cumulative grade point average  
14 of at least two and one-half on a four point scale, or its equivalent. The  
15 tuition limitation shall only be applicable if the combat veteran is  
16 enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, or an associate or  
17 baccalaureate degree. The period during which a combat veteran is  
18 eligible for a tuition limitation under this section shall expire at the**

19 end of the ten-year period beginning on the date of such veteran's last  
20 discharge from service.

21 4. The coordinating board for higher education shall ensure that  
22 all applicable institutions of higher education in this state comply with  
23 the provisions of this section and may promulgate rules for the efficient  
24 implementation of this section.

25 5. If a combat veteran is eligible to receive financial assistance  
26 under any other federal or state student aid program, public or private,  
27 the full amount of such aid shall be reported to the board by the  
28 institution and the veteran. The tuition limitation under this section  
29 shall be provided after all other federal and state aid for which the  
30 veteran is eligible has been applied, and no combat veteran shall  
31 receive more than the actual cost of attendance when the limitation is  
32 combined with other aid made available to such veteran.

33 6. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section  
34 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this  
35 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to  
36 all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section  
37 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable  
38 and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to  
39 chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to  
40 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,  
41 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or  
42 adopted after August 28, 2008, shall be invalid and void.

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