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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 160.730, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to the P-20 council.

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

Section A. Section 160.730, RSMo, is repealed and five new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 160.800, 160.805, 160.810,
3 160.815, and 160.820, to read as follows:

160.800. The governor may, on behalf of the state and in
2 accordance with chapter 355, RSMo, establish a private not-for-profit
3 corporation named the "P-20 Council", to carry out the provisions of
4 sections 160.800 to 160.820. As used in this section, the word
5 "corporation" means the P-20 council authorized by this section. Before
6 certification by the governor, the corporation shall conduct a public
7 hearing for the purpose of giving all interested parties an opportunity
8 to review and comment upon the articles of incorporation, bylaws, and
9 method of operation of the corporation. Notice of hearing shall be
10 given at least fourteen days prior to the hearing.

160.805. 1. The articles of incorporation and bylaws of the
2 corporation shall provide that the purpose of the corporation is to
3 create a more efficient and effective education system that more
4 adequately prepares students for the challenges of entering the
5 workforce.

2. The board of directors of the corporation shall be composed
7 of thirteen members. The governor shall annually appoint one of its
8 members, who shall be employed in the private sector, as

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

9 chairperson. The board shall consist of the following members:

10 (1) The director of the department of economic development;

11 (2) The commissioner of higher education;

12 (3) The chairperson of the coordinating board for higher
13 education;

14 (4) The president of the state board of education;

15 (5) The chairperson of the coordinating board of early childhood;

16 (6) The commissioner of education;

17 (7) Seven members appointed by the governor. Two members
18 shall represent higher education institutions, one two-year institution
19 and one four-year institution; two members shall represent elementary
20 and secondary schools; two members shall represent the private, for-
21 profit business sector; and one member shall represent an early
22 childhood education provider.

23 3. Each member of the board of directors of the corporation
24 appointed by the governor shall serve for a term of four years. Of the
25 directors initially appointed to the board of directors by the governor,
26 two directors shall be designated by the governor to serve a term of
27 four years, two directors shall be designated to serve a term of three
28 years, two directors shall be designated to serve a term of two years,
29 and one director shall be designated to serve a term of one
30 year. Thereafter, directors shall serve a term of four years. Each
31 director shall continue to serve until a successor is duly appointed by
32 the governor.

33 4. The corporation may receive money from any source, may
34 borrow money, may enter into contracts, and may expend money for
35 any activities appropriate to its purpose.

36 5. The corporation may appoint staff and do all other things
37 necessary or incidental to carrying out the functions listed in sections
38 160.800 to 160.820.

39 6. Any changes in the articles of incorporation or bylaws shall be
40 approved by the governor.

41 7. The corporation shall submit an annual report to the governor
42 and to the Missouri general assembly by the first day of November and
43 shall include detailed information on the structure, operation, and
44 financial status of the corporation. The corporation shall conduct an
45 annual public hearing to receive comments from interested parties

46 regarding the report, and notice of the hearing shall be given at least
47 fourteen days prior to the hearing.

48 8. The corporation shall be subject to an annual audit by the
49 state auditor. The corporation shall bear the full cost of the audit.

160.810. The corporation, after being certified by the governor
2 as provided by section 160.800, may:

3 (1) Study the potential for a state-coordinated economic and
4 educational policy that addresses all levels of education;

5 (2) Determine where obstacles make state support of programs
6 that cross institutional or jurisdictional boundaries difficult and
7 suggest remedies;

8 (3) Create programs that:

9 (a) Intervene at known critical transition points, such as middle
10 school to high school and the freshman year of college, to help ensure
11 student success at the next level;

12 (b) Foster higher education faculty spending time in elementary
13 and secondary classrooms and private workplaces, and elementary and
14 secondary faculty spending time in general education level higher
15 education courses and private workplaces, with particular emphasis on
16 secondary school faculty working with general education higher
17 education faculty;

18 (c) Allow education stakeholders to collaborate with members of
19 business and industry to foster policy alignment, professional
20 interaction, and information systems across sectors;

21 (d) Regularly provide feedback to schools, colleges, and
22 employers concerning the number of students requiring postsecondary
23 remediation, whether in educational institutions or the workplace;

24 (4) Explore ways to better align academic content, particularly
25 between secondary school and first-year courses at public colleges and
26 universities, which may include alignment between:

27 (a) Elementary and secondary assessments and public college
28 and university admission and placement standards; and

29 (b) Articulation agreements for programs across sectors and
30 educational levels.

160.815. 1. Debts incurred by the corporation established
2 pursuant to the authority of sections 160.800 to 160.820 do not represent
3 or constitute a debt of this state within the meaning of the provisions

4 of the constitution or statutes of this state.

5 2. The corporation established pursuant to sections 160.800 to
6 160.820 shall be subject to all provisions of chapter 355, RSMo, which
7 do not conflict with the provisions of sections 160.800 to 160.820.

 160.820. In order to assist the corporation in achieving the
2 objectives identified in section 160.810, the department of economic
3 development, department of elementary and secondary education, and
4 department of higher education may contract with the corporation for
5 activities consistent with the corporation's purpose, as specified in
6 section 160.805, including but not limited to the employment of any
7 personnel of the corporation, administrative services, and provision of
8 office space. When contracting with the corporation under the
9 provisions of this section, the departments may directly enter into
10 agreements with the corporation and shall not be bound by the
11 provisions of chapter 34, RSMo.

 [160.730. 1. Not less than twice each calendar year, the
2 commissioner of higher education, the chair of the coordinating
3 board for higher education, the commissioner of education, the
4 president of the state board of education, and the director of the
5 department of economic development shall meet and discuss ways
6 in which their respective departments may collaborate to achieve
7 the policy goals as outlined in this section.

 2. In order to create a more efficient and effective education
9 system that more adequately prepares students for the challenges
10 of entering the workforce, the persons and agencies outlined in
11 subsection 1 of this section shall be responsible for accomplishing
12 the following goals:

13 (1) Studying the potential for a state-coordinated
14 economic/educational policy that addresses all levels of education;

15 (2) Determining where obstacles make state support of
16 programs that cross institutional or jurisdictional boundaries
17 difficult and suggesting remedies;

18 (3) Creating programs that:

19 (a) Intervene at known critical transition points, such as
20 middle school to high school and the freshman year of college to
21 help assure student success at the next level;

22 (b) Foster higher education faculty spending time in
23 elementary and secondary classrooms and private workplaces, and
24 elementary and secondary faculty spending time in general
25 education-level higher education courses and private workplaces,
26 with particular emphasis on secondary school faculty working with
27 general education higher education faculty;

28 (c) Allow education stakeholders to collaborate with
29 members of business and industry to foster policy alignment,
30 professional interaction, and information systems across sectors;

31 (d) Regularly provide feedback to schools, colleges, and
32 employers concerning the number of students requiring
33 postsecondary remediation, whether in educational institutions or
34 the workplace;

35 (4) Exploring ways to better align academic content,
36 particularly between secondary school and first-year courses at
37 public colleges and universities, which may include alignment
38 between:

39 (a) Elementary and secondary assessments and public
40 college and university admission and placement standards; and

41 (b) Articulation agreements of programs across sectors and
42 educational levels.

43 3. No later than the first Wednesday after the first Monday
44 of January each year, the persons outlined in subsection 1 of this
45 section shall report jointly to the general assembly and to the
46 governor the actions taken by their agencies and their
47 recommendations for policy initiatives and legislative alterations
48 to achieve the policy goals as outlined in this section.]

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