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AN ACT

To repeal sections 173.250, 173.1105, and 173.1108, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to higher education, with an emergency clause for a certain section.

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

Section A. Sections 173.250, 173.1105, and 173.1108, RSMo, are repealed

- 2 and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 173.250,
- 3 173.1105, 173.1108, and 173.1205, to read as follows:
 - 173.250. 1. There is hereby established a "Higher Education Academic
- 2 Scholarship Program" and any moneys appropriated by the general assembly for
- 3 this program shall be used to provide scholarships for Missouri citizens to attend
- 4 a Missouri college or university of their choice pursuant to the provisions of this
- 5 section.
- 6 2. The definitions of terms set forth in section [173.205] 173.1102 shall
 - be applicable to such terms as used in this section. [The term "academic
- 8 scholarship" means an amount of money paid by the state of Missouri to a
- 9 qualified college or university student who has demonstrated superior academic
- 10 achievement pursuant to the provisions of this section.] In addition, the
- 11 following definitions shall apply:
- 12 (1) "Academic scholarship", an amount of money paid by the state
- 13 of Missouri to a student pursuant to the provisions of this section;
- 14 (2) "ACT", the American College Testing program examination;

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

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- 15 (3) "Approved institution", an approved public or approved 16 private institution as defined in section 173.1102;
- 17 (4) "Eligible student", an individual who meets the criteria set 18 forth in section 173.1104, excluding the requirements of financial need 19 and undergraduate status and, in addition, meets the following 20 requirements:
- 21 (a) Has achieved a qualifying score on the ACT or SAT;
- 22 (b) Is a Missouri resident who has completed secondary 23 coursework through graduation from high school or the virtual public 24 school established in section 161.670, receipt of a general education 25 development (GED) diploma, completion of a program of study through 26 homeschooling or any other program of academic instruction that 27 satisfies the compulsory attendance requirement under section 167.031; 28 and
- (c) Is enrolled full-time or accepted for full-time enrollment as a postsecondary student at an approved institution during the academic year immediately following the completion of his or her secondary coursework;
- 33 (5) "Missouri test-takers", all Missouri high school seniors who 34 take the ACT or the SAT;
 - (6) "Qualifying score", a composite score on the ACT or the SAT achieved in an eligible student's high school sophomore, junior, or senior year, that is in the top five percent of Missouri test-takers, as established at the beginning of an eligible student's final year of secondary coursework;
- 40 (7) "Recipient", an eligible or renewal student who receives an 41 academic scholarship pursuant to this section;
- 42 (8) "Renewal student", an eligible student who remains in 43 compliance with the provisions of section 173.1104, maintains 44 continuous enrollment, and makes satisfactory academic degree 45 progress; and
- 46 (9) "SAT", the Scholastic Aptitude Test.
- 3. The coordinating board for higher education shall be the administrative agency for the implementation of the program established by this section, and shall:
- 50 (1) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the exercise of its 51 functions and the effectuation of the purposes of this section, including

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52 regulations for granting scholarship deferments;

- (2) Prescribe the form and the time and method of awarding academic scholarships, and shall supervise the processing thereof; and
- (3) Select qualified recipients to receive academic scholarships, make such awards of academic scholarships to qualified recipients and determine the manner and method of payment to the recipient.
- 4. [A student shall be eligible for initial or renewed academic scholarship if he or she is in compliance with the eligibility requirements set forth in section 173.215 excluding the requirement of financial need and undergraduate status, and in addition meets the following requirements:
- (1) Initial academic scholarships shall be offered in the academic year immediately following graduation from high school to Missouri high school seniors whose composite scores on the American College Testing Program (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Board are in the top five percent of all Missouri students taking those tests during the school year in which the scholarship recipients graduate from high school. In the freshman year of college, scholarship recipients are required to maintain status as a full-time student;
- (2) Academic scholarships are renewable if the recipient remains in compliance with the applicable provisions of section 173.215 and the recipient makes satisfactory academic degree progress as a full-time student.
- 5. A student who is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment as a postsecondary student at an approved private or public institution beginning with the fall 1987, term and who meets the other eligibility requirements for an academic scholarship shall, within the limits of the funds appropriated and made available, be offered an academic scholarship in the amount of two thousand dollars for each eligible student whose composite scores on the American College Testing Program (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Board are in the top three percent of all Missouri students taking those tests during the school year in which the scholarship recipients graduate from high school for each fiscal year prior to fiscal year 2011, and, subject to appropriations, three thousand dollars for fiscal year 2011 and every fiscal year thereafter, and one thousand dollars for fiscal year 2011 and every fiscal year thereafter for each eligible student whose composite scores on the American College Testing Program (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Board are between the top five and three percent of all Missouri students taking those tests during the school year in which the scholarship recipients graduate from high school, for the

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first academic year of study, which scholarship shall be renewable in the amount 89 of two thousand dollars for each eligible student whose composite scores on the American College Testing Program (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) 90 91 of the College Board are in the top three percent of all Missouri students taking those tests during the school year in which the scholarship recipients graduate 9293 from high school for each fiscal year prior to fiscal year 2011, and, subject to appropriations, three thousand dollars for fiscal year 2011 and every fiscal year 94thereafter, and one thousand dollars for fiscal year 2011 and every fiscal year 95 96 thereafter for each eligible student whose composite scores on the American College Testing Program (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the 97 98 College Board are between the top five and three percent of all Missouri students taking those tests during the school year in which the scholarship recipients 99 100 graduate from high school, annually for the second, third and fourth academic 101 years or as long as the recipient is in compliance with the applicable eligibility requirements set forth in section 173.215, provided those years of study are 102103 continuous and the student continues to meet eligibility requirements for the 104 scholarship; provided, however, if a recipient ceases all attendance at an approved public or private institution for the purpose of providing service to a nonprofit 105 organization, a state or federal government agency or any branch of the armed 106 107 forces of the United States, the recipient shall be eligible for a renewal 108 scholarship upon return to any approved public or private institution, provided 109 the recipient:

- (1) Returns to full-time status within twenty-seven months;
- (2) Provides verification in compliance with coordinating board for higher education rules that the service to the nonprofit organization was satisfactorily completed and was not compensated other than for expenses or that the service to the state or federal governmental agency or branch of the armed forces of the United States was satisfactorily completed; and
- 116 (3) Meets all other requirements established for eligibility to receive a 117 renewal scholarship.
 - 6.] Eligible students shall be offered academic scholarships in the following amounts and in the following order of priority, within the limits of the funds appropriated and made available:
- 121 (1) Each eligible student with a qualifying score in the top three 122 percent of all Missouri test-takers shall be offered an academic 123 scholarship of up to three thousand dollars per year. All students in

the top three percent shall receive awards of three thousand dollars before any student in the top fourth and fifth percentiles receives any award.

- 127 (2) Provided sufficient funds are appropriated, each eligible 128 student with a qualifying score in the top fourth and fifth percentiles 129 shall be offered an academic scholarship of up to one thousand dollars 130 per year.
 - 5. Eligible students may renew academic scholarships for their second, third, and fourth years of postsecondary education, or as long as the recipient is in compliance with the criteria to be a renewal student.
 - 6. If an eligible student is unable to enroll during the first academic year or a renewal student ceases attendance at an approved institution for the purpose of providing service to a nonprofit organization, a state or federal government agency, or any branch of the armed forces of the United States, such student shall be offered an academic scholarship upon enrollment in any approved institution after the completion of their service, if the student meets all other requirements for an initial or renewal award and if the following criteria are met:
 - (1) For an eligible student who cannot attend an approved institution as a result of service to a non-profit organization or the state or federal government, the student returns to full-time status within twenty-seven months and provides verification to the coordinating board for higher education that the service to the nonprofit organization was satisfactorily completed and was not compensated other than for expenses, or that the service to the state or federal government was satisfactorily completed; or
 - (2) For an eligible student who cannot attend an approved institution as a result of military service in the armed forces of the United States, the student returns to full-time status within six months after the eligible student first ceases service to the armed forces and provides verification to the coordinating board for higher education that the military service was satisfactorily completed.
 - 7. A recipient of an academic scholarship awarded under this section may transfer from one approved [Missouri public or private] institution to another without losing eligibility for the academic scholarship.

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- 8. If a recipient of [the] an academic scholarship at any time withdraws from an approved [private or public] institution so that under the rules and regulations of that institution he or she is entitled to a refund of any tuition, fees or other charges, the institution shall pay the portion of the refund attributable to the academic scholarship for that term to the coordinating board for higher education.
- 167 [7.] 9. Other provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, 168 if [a recipient] an eligible student has been awarded an initial academic 169 scholarship pursuant to the provisions of this section but is unable to [use the scholarship] attend an approved institution during the first academic year 170 171 because of illness, disability, pregnancy or other medical need or if a [recipient] renewal student ceases all attendance at an approved [public or private] 172institution because of illness, disability, pregnancy or other medical need, the 173 174recipient shall be eligible for an initial or renewal academic scholarship upon 175 enrollment in or return to any approved [public or private] institution, provided the recipient: 176
 - (1) Enrolls in or returns to full-time status within twenty-seven months;
 - (2) Provides verification in compliance with coordinating board for higher education rules of sufficient medical evidence documenting an illness, disability, pregnancy or other medical need of such person to require that that person will not be able to use the [initial or renewal] academic scholarship during the time period for which it was originally offered; and
 - (3) Meets all other requirements established for eligibility to receive an [initial or a renewal] academic scholarship.
 - 173.1105. 1. [Beginning with the 2007-08 academic year,] An applicant who is an undergraduate postsecondary student at an approved private or public institution and who meets the other eligibility criteria shall be eligible for financial assistance, with a minimum and maximum award amount as follows:
 - 5 (1) For academic years 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-6 2014:
 - (a) One thousand dollars maximum and three hundred dollars minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public two-year sector;
- 9 **[(2)] (b)** Two thousand one hundred fifty dollars maximum and one 10 thousand dollars minimum for students attending institutions classified as part 11 of the public four-year sector, including Linn State Technical College; and
- 12 [(3)] (c) Four thousand six hundred dollars maximum and two thousand

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13 dollars minimum for students attending approved private institutions.

- (2) For the 2014-2015 academic year and subsequent years:
- 15 (a) One thousand three hundred dollars maximum and three 16 hundred dollars minimum for students attending institutions classified 17 as part of the public two-year sector; and
 - (b) Two thousand eight hundred fifty dollars maximum and one thousand five hundred dollars minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public four-year sector, including Linn State Technical College, or approved private institutions.
 - 2. All students with an expected family contribution of twelve thousand dollars or less shall receive at least the minimum award amount for his or her institution. Maximum award amounts for an eligible student with an expected family contribution above seven thousand dollars shall be reduced by ten percent of the maximum expected family contribution for his or her increment group. Any award amount shall be reduced by the amount of a student's [reimbursement pursuant to section 160.545, RSMo] payment from the A+ schools program or any successor program to it. For purposes of this subsection, the term "increment group" shall mean a group organized by expected family contribution in five hundred dollar increments into which all eligible students shall be placed.
 - 3. If appropriated funds are insufficient to fund the program as described, the maximum award shall be reduced across all sectors by the percentage of the shortfall. If appropriated funds exceed the amount necessary to fund the program, the additional funds shall be used to increase the number of recipients by raising the cutoff for the expected family contribution rather than by increasing the size of the award.
 - 4. Every three years, beginning with academic year 2009-10, the award amount may be adjusted to increase no more than the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), 1982-1984 = 100, not seasonally adjusted, as defined and officially recorded by the United States Department of Labor, or its successor agency, for the previous academic year. The coordinating board shall prepare a report prior to the legislative session for use of the general assembly and the governor in determining budget requests which shall include the amount of funds necessary to maintain full funding of the program based on the baseline established for the program upon the [passage] effective date of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107. Any increase in the award amount shall not become effective unless an increase in the amount of money appropriated to the program

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49 necessary to cover the increase in award amount is passed by the general 50 assembly.

173.1108. [Under section 23.253, RSMo, of the Missouri sunset act:

- 2 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under sections 173.1101 3 to 173.1107 shall automatically sunset six years after August 28, 2007, unless 4 reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and
- 5 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under 6 sections 173.1101 to 173.1107 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the 7 effective date of the reauthorization of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107; and
- 8 (3) Sections 173.1101 to 173.1107 shall terminate on September first of 9 the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the program 10 authorized under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107 is sunset] Section 23.253 of the 11 Missouri sunset act shall not apply to the provisions of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107.

173.1205. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a for-profit or not-for-profit entity in which a public institution of higher education holds an ownership or membership interest shall not be deemed to be a public governmental body, quasi-public governmental body, or part of a public governmental body or quasi-public governmental body or otherwise subject to chapter 610, if such entity is engaged primarily in activities involving current or prospective commercialization of the skills or knowledge of the institution's faculty or of the institution's research, research capabilities, intellectual property, technology, or technological resources, provided that the 10 public institution of higher education maintains as an open record an 11 12 annual report, available no later than October first each year, identifying: 13

- (1) The name and address of the entity, the amount of funds paid to such entity by the institution, any nonmonetary benefits received by the entity from the institution, and the purpose for which such funds were paid or benefits provided;
- 18 (2) The amount of funds received by the institution from such 19 entity; and
- 20 (3) Any employees of the institution who received funds or other 21 things of value from such entity and the purpose and amount of such 22 funds or other things of value.

- 2. This provision shall not be construed to broaden the definition of public governmental body found in section 610.010, nor shall it otherwise be construed to mean, imply, or suggest that any entity constitutes a public governmental body unless such entity meets the definition of that term found in section 610.010.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, meetings, records, and votes may be closed to the extent that they relate to records or information submitted by an individual, corporation, or other business entity to a public institution of higher education in connection with a proposal or agreement to license intellectual property or perform sponsored research, in connection with opportunities for or results of collaboration involving students, faculty, or staff, or in connection with activities by the public institution of higher education to promote or pursue economic development and which contain sales projections or other business plan, financial information, or trade secrets the disclosure of which may endanger the competitiveness of a business.
- Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to protect the intellectual property of the state's higher education institutions while permitting its timely development through technology transfer, the enactment of section 173.1205 of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of section 173.1205 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

