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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PEARCE.

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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 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

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 173.670, to read as follows:

**173.670. 1. There is hereby established within the department of
2 higher education the "Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering, and
3 Mathematics Initiative". The department of higher education may
4 award matching funds through this initiative to public institutions of
5 higher education as part of the annual appropriations process.**

**6 2. The purpose of the initiative shall be to provide support to
7 increase interest among elementary and secondary students in fields of
8 study related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and
9 to increase the number of Missouri students who enter these fields at
10 Missouri's public two and four year institutions of higher education.**

**11 3. There is hereby created a "Science, Technology, Engineering,
12 and Mathematics Fund", which shall consist of money collected under
13 this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may
14 approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections
15 30.170 and 30.180. Upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used
16 solely for the administration of this section. Any moneys remaining in
17 the fund at the end of the biennium shall revert to the credit of the
18 general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the
19 fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and
20 moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.**

21 4. The general assembly may appropriate funds to the science,

22 technology, engineering, and mathematics fund to match institution
23 funds to support the following programs:

24 (1) Endowed teaching professor programs, which provide funds
25 to support faculty who teach undergraduate courses in science,
26 technology, engineering, or mathematics fields at public institutions of
27 higher education;

28 (2) Scholarship programs, which provide financial aid or loan
29 forgiveness awards to Missouri students who study in the science,
30 technology, engineering, or mathematics fields or who plan to enter the
31 teaching field in Missouri with an emphasis on science, technology,
32 engineering, and mathematics areas;

33 (3) Experiential youth programs at public colleges or
34 universities, designed to provide Missouri middle school and junior
35 high school students with the opportunity to experience science,
36 technology, engineering, and mathematics fields through camps or
37 other educational offerings;

38 (4) Career enhancement programs for current elementary and
39 secondary teachers in the science, technology, engineering, or
40 mathematics fields to improve the quality of teaching.

41 5. The department may promulgate rules and regulations for the
42 administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that
43 term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority
44 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with
45 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable,
46 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if
47 any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter
48 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul
49 a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
50 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August
51 28, 2011, shall be invalid and void.

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