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AN ACT

To repeal sections 167.223, 173.005, and 173.234, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof ten new sections relating to higher education, with an emergency clause for certain sections.

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

Section A. Sections 167.223, 173.005, and 173.234, RSMo, are repealed and ten new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 105.1445, 167.223, 173.005, 173.035, 173.234, 173.2500, 173.2505, 173.2510, 173.2515, and 173.2520, to read as follows:

105.1445. 1. On or before January 1, 2017, the department of higher education shall create guidance regarding notice of public employee eligibility for public service loan forgiveness. Public employers may use the guidance in providing notice to employees under subsection 2 of this section. The guidance shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Up-to-date, accurate, and complete information regarding eligibility for participation in existing public service loan forgiveness programs;

(2) Contact information and relevant forms for applying for existing public service loan forgiveness programs; and

(3) Other relevant information as determined by the department of higher education.

2. On or before April 1, 2017, the governing body of each public employer in this state shall adopt a policy that provides up-to-date, accurate, and complete information to each new employee regarding eligibility for public service loan forgiveness. Notice to new employees shall be provided within ten days following the start of employment with the public employer. On or before June 30, 2017, the public employer shall provide the same information to all current employees employed on that date.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

167.223. 1. Public high schools may, in cooperation with Missouri public [community] **two-year** colleges and public or private four-year colleges and universities, offer postsecondary course options to high school students. A postsecondary course option allows eligible students to attend vocational or academic classes on a college or university campus and receive both high school and college credit upon successful completion of the course.

2. For purposes of state aid, the pupil's resident district shall continue to count the pupil in the average daily attendance of such resident district for any time the student is attending a postsecondary course.

3. Any pupil enrolled in a [community] **two-year** college under a postsecondary course option shall be considered a resident student for the purposes of calculating state aid to the [community] **two-year** college.

4. [Community] **Two-year** colleges and four-year colleges and universities may charge reasonable fees for pupils enrolled in courses under a postsecondary course option. Such fees may be paid by the district of residence or by the pupil, as determined by the agreement between the district of residence and the college or university.

173.005. 1. There is hereby created a "Department of Higher Education", and the division of higher education of the department of education is abolished and all its powers, duties, functions, personnel and property are transferred as provided by the Reorganization Act of 1974, Appendix B, RSMo.

2. The commission on higher education is abolished and all its powers, duties, personnel and property are transferred by type I transfer to the "Coordinating Board for Higher Education", which is hereby created, and the coordinating board shall be the head of the department. The coordinating board shall consist of nine members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, and not more than five of its members shall be of the same political party. None of the members shall be engaged professionally as an educator or educational administrator with a public or private institution of higher education at the time appointed or during his term. Moreover, no person shall be appointed to the coordinating board who shall not be a citizen of the United States, and who shall not have been a resident of the state of Missouri two years next prior to appointment, and at least one but not more than two persons shall be appointed to said board from each congressional district. The term of service of a member of the coordinating board shall be six years and said members, while attending the meetings of the board, shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, nothing in this section relating to a change in the composition and configuration of congressional districts in this state shall prohibit a member who is serving a term on August 28, 2011, from completing his or her term. The coordinating board may, in order to carry out the duties prescribed for it in subsections 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8 of this section, employ such professional, clerical

22 and research personnel as may be necessary to assist it in performing those duties, but this staff
23 shall not, in any fiscal year, exceed twenty-five full-time equivalent employees regardless of the
24 source of funding. In addition to all other powers, duties and functions transferred to it, the
25 coordinating board for higher education shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

26 (1) The coordinating board for higher education shall have approval of proposed new
27 degree programs to be offered by the state institutions of higher education;

28 (2) The coordinating board for higher education may promote and encourage the
29 development of cooperative agreements between Missouri public four-year institutions of higher
30 education which do not offer graduate degrees and Missouri public four-year institutions of
31 higher education which do offer graduate degrees for the purpose of offering graduate degree
32 programs on campuses of those public four-year institutions of higher education which do not
33 otherwise offer graduate degrees. Such agreements shall identify the obligations and duties of
34 the parties, including assignment of administrative responsibility. Any diploma awarded for
35 graduate degrees under such a cooperative agreement shall include the names of both institutions
36 inscribed thereon. Any cooperative agreement in place as of August 28, 2003, shall require no
37 further approval from the coordinating board for higher education. Any costs incurred with
38 respect to the administrative provisions of this subdivision may be paid from state funds
39 allocated to the institution assigned the administrative authority for the program. The provisions
40 of this subdivision shall not be construed to invalidate the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
41 subsection;

42 (3) In consultation with the heads of the institutions of higher education affected and
43 against a background of carefully collected data on enrollment, physical facilities, manpower
44 needs, institutional missions, the coordinating board for higher education shall establish
45 guidelines for appropriation requests by those institutions of higher education; however, other
46 provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1974 notwithstanding, all funds shall be appropriated
47 by the general assembly to the governing board of each public four-year institution of higher
48 education which shall prepare expenditure budgets for the institution;

49 (4) No new state-supported senior colleges or residence centers shall be established
50 except as provided by law and with approval of the coordinating board for higher education;

51 (5) The coordinating board for higher education shall establish admission guidelines
52 consistent with institutional missions;

53 (6) The coordinating board for higher education shall require all public two-year and
54 four-year higher education institutions to replicate best practices in remediation identified by the
55 coordinating board and institutions from research undertaken by regional educational
56 laboratories, higher education research organizations, and similar organizations with expertise

57 in the subject, and identify and reduce methods that have been found to be ineffective in
58 preparing or retaining students or that delay students from enrollment in college-level courses;

59 (7) The coordinating board shall establish policies and procedures for institutional
60 decisions relating to the residence status of students;

61 (8) The coordinating board shall establish guidelines to promote and facilitate the
62 transfer of students between institutions of higher education within the state and, with the
63 assistance of the committee on transfer and articulation, shall require all public two-year and
64 four-year higher education institutions to create by July 1, 2014, a statewide core transfer library
65 of at least twenty-five lower division courses across all institutions that are transferable among
66 all public higher education institutions. The coordinating board shall establish policies and
67 procedures to ensure such courses are accepted in transfer among public institutions and treated
68 as equivalent to similar courses at the receiving institutions. The coordinating board shall
69 develop a policy to foster reverse transfer for any student who has accumulated enough hours in
70 combination with at least one public higher education institution in Missouri that offers an
71 associate degree and one public four-year higher education institution in the prescribed courses
72 sufficient to meet the public higher education institution's requirements to be awarded an
73 associate degree. The department of elementary and secondary education shall maintain the
74 alignment of the assessments found in section 160.518 and successor assessments with the
75 competencies previously established under this subdivision for entry-level collegiate courses in
76 English, mathematics, foreign language, sciences, and social sciences associated with an
77 institution's general education core;

78 (9) The coordinating board shall collect the necessary information and develop
79 comparable data for all institutions of higher education in the state. The coordinating board shall
80 use this information to delineate the areas of competence of each of these institutions and for any
81 other purposes deemed appropriate by the coordinating board;

82 (10) Compliance with requests from the coordinating board for institutional information
83 and the other powers, duties and responsibilities, herein assigned to the coordinating board, shall
84 be a prerequisite to the receipt of any funds which the coordinating board is responsible for
85 administering;

86 (11) If any institution of higher education in this state, public or private, willfully fails
87 or refuses to follow any lawful guideline, policy or procedure established or prescribed by the
88 coordinating board, or knowingly deviates from any such guideline, or knowingly acts without
89 coordinating board approval where such approval is required, or willfully fails to comply with
90 any other lawful order of the coordinating board, the coordinating board may, after a public
91 hearing, withhold or direct to be withheld from that institution any funds the disbursement of
92 which is subject to the control of the coordinating board, or may remove the approval of the

93 institution as an approved institution within the meaning of section 173.1102. If any such public
94 institution willfully disregards board policy, the commissioner of higher education may order
95 such institution to remit a fine in an amount not to exceed one percent of the institution's current
96 fiscal year state operating appropriation to the board. The board shall hold such funds until such
97 time that the institution, as determined by the commissioner of higher education, corrects the
98 violation, at which time the board shall refund such amount to the institution. If the
99 commissioner determines that the institution has not redressed the violation within one year, the
100 fine amount shall be deposited into the general revenue fund, unless the institution appeals such
101 decision to the full coordinating board, which shall have the authority to make a binding and
102 final decision, by means of a majority vote, regarding the matter. However, nothing in this
103 section shall prevent any institution of higher education in this state from presenting additional
104 budget requests or from explaining or further clarifying its budget requests to the governor or the
105 general assembly; [and]

106 **(12) In recognition of institutions that meet the requirements of subdivisions (2),**
107 **(3), or (4) of subsection 1 of section 173.616, are established by name as an educational**
108 **institution in Missouri, and are authorized to operate programs beyond secondary**
109 **education for purposes of authorization under 34 C.F.R 600.9, the coordinating board for**
110 **higher education shall maintain and publish on its website a list of such postsecondary**
111 **educational institutions; and**

112 **(13) (a)** As used in this subdivision, the term "out-of-state public institution of higher
113 education" shall mean an education institution located outside of Missouri that:

114 a. Is controlled or administered directly by a public agency or political subdivision or is
115 classified as a public institution by the state;

116 b. Receives appropriations for operating expenses directly or indirectly from a state other
117 than Missouri;

118 c. Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at least six months in length leading
119 to or directly creditable toward a degree or certificate;

120 d. Meets the standards for accreditation by an accrediting body recognized by the United
121 States Department of Education or any successor agency; and

122 e. Permits faculty members to select textbooks without influence or pressure by any
123 religious or sectarian source.

124 **(b)** No later than July 1, 2008, the coordinating board shall promulgate rules regarding:

125 a. The board's approval process of proposed new degree programs and course offerings
126 by any out-of-state public institution of higher education seeking to offer degree programs or
127 course work within the state of Missouri; and

128 b. The board's approval process of degree programs and courses offered by any out-of-
129 state public institutions of higher education that, prior to July 1, 2008, were approved by the
130 board to operate a school in compliance with the provisions of sections 173.600 to 173.618. The
131 rules shall ensure that, as of July 1, 2008, all out-of-state public institutions seeking to offer
132 degrees and courses within the state of Missouri are evaluated in a manner similar to Missouri
133 public higher education institutions. Such out-of-state public institutions shall be held to
134 standards no lower than the standards established by the coordinating board for program approval
135 and the policy guidelines of the coordinating board for data collection, cooperation, and
136 resolution of disputes between Missouri institutions of higher education under this section. Any
137 such out-of-state public institutions of higher education wishing to continue operating within this
138 state must be approved by the board under the rules promulgated under this subdivision. The
139 coordinating board may charge and collect fees from out-of-state public institutions to cover the
140 costs of reviewing and assuring the quality of programs offered by out-of-state public
141 institutions. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
142 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies
143 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.
144 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general
145 assembly under chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a
146 rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
147 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

148 (c) Nothing in this subdivision or in section 173.616 shall be construed or interpreted
149 so that students attending an out-of-state public institution are considered to be attending a
150 Missouri public institution of higher education for purposes of obtaining student financial
151 assistance.

152 3. The coordinating board shall meet at least four times annually with an advisory
153 committee who shall be notified in advance of such meetings. The coordinating board shall have
154 exclusive voting privileges. The advisory committee shall consist of thirty-two members, who
155 shall be the president or other chief administrative officer of the University of Missouri; the
156 chancellor of each campus of the University of Missouri; the president of each state-supported
157 four-year college or university, including Harris-Stowe State University, Missouri Southern State
158 University, Missouri Western State University, and Lincoln University; the president of State
159 Technical College of Missouri; the president or chancellor of each public community college
160 district; and representatives of each of five accredited private institutions selected biennially,
161 under the supervision of the coordinating board, by the presidents of all of the state's privately
162 supported institutions; but always to include at least one representative from one privately
163 supported community college, one privately supported four-year college, and one privately

164 supported university. The conferences shall enable the committee to advise the coordinating
165 board of the views of the institutions on matters within the purview of the coordinating board.

166 4. The University of Missouri, Lincoln University, and all other state-governed colleges
167 and universities, chapters 172, 174, 175, and others, are transferred by type III transfers to the
168 department of higher education subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.

169 5. The state historical society, chapter 183, is transferred by type III transfer to the
170 University of Missouri.

171 6. The state anatomical board, chapter 194, is transferred by type II transfer to the
172 department of higher education.

173 7. All the powers, duties and functions vested in the division of public schools and state
174 board of education relating to community college state aid and the supervision, formation of
175 districts and all matters otherwise related to the state's relations with community college districts
176 and matters pertaining to community colleges in public school districts, chapters 163, 178, and
177 others, are transferred to the coordinating board for higher education by type I transfer.
178 Provided, however, that all responsibility for administering the federal-state programs of
179 vocational-technical education, except for the 1202a postsecondary educational amendments of
180 1972 program, shall remain with the department of elementary and secondary education. The
181 department of elementary and secondary education and the coordinating board for higher
182 education shall cooperate in developing the various plans for vocational-technical education;
183 however, the ultimate responsibility will remain with the state board of education.

184 8. All the powers, duties, functions, and properties of the state poultry experiment
185 station, chapter 262, are transferred by type I transfer to the University of Missouri, and the state
186 poultry association and state poultry board are abolished. In the event the University of Missouri
187 shall cease to use the real estate of the poultry experiment station for the purposes of research
188 or shall declare the same surplus, all real estate shall revert to the governor of the state of
189 Missouri and shall not be disposed of without legislative approval.

**173.035. 1. The department of higher education shall develop, maintain, and
2 operate a website containing information of public and private institutions of higher
3 education in this state directing students to resources including, but not limited to,
4 academic programs, financial aid, and how academic course credit may be transferred
5 from one institution of higher education to another. The information on the website shall
6 be made available to the public and shall be accessible from various devices including, but
7 not limited to, computers, tablets, and other electronic communication devices.**

**8 2. Inclusion of institution information on the website is voluntary, and institutions
9 of higher education may elect to have institutional information included on the website by
10 notifying the department of higher education.**

11 **3. The department of higher education may promulgate all necessary rules and**
12 **regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that**
13 **term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this**
14 **section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions**
15 **of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are**
16 **nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to**
17 **chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are**
18 **subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule**
19 **proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.**

 173.234. 1. As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the
2 following terms mean:

- 3 (1) "Board", the coordinating board for higher education;
- 4 (2) "Books", any books required for any course for which tuition was paid by a grant
5 awarded under this section;
- 6 (3) "Eligible student", the natural, adopted, or stepchild of a qualifying military member,
7 who is less than twenty-five years of age and who was a dependent of a qualifying military
8 member at the time of death or injury **or within five years subsequent to the injury**, or the
9 spouse of a qualifying military member which was the spouse of a veteran at the time of death
10 or injury **or within five years subsequent to the injury**;
- 11 (4) "Grant", the veteran's survivors grant as established in this section;
- 12 (5) "Institution of postsecondary education", any approved Missouri public institution
13 of postsecondary education, as defined in subdivision (3) of section 173.1102;
- 14 (6) "Qualifying military member", any member of the military of the United States,
15 whether active duty, reserve, or National Guard, who served in the military after September 11,
16 2001, during time of war and for whom the following criteria apply:
- 17 (a) A veteran was a Missouri resident when first entering the military service or at the
18 time of death or injury;
- 19 (b) A veteran died or was injured as a result of combat action or a veteran's death or
20 injury was certified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs medical authority to be attributable
21 to an illness or accident that occurred while serving in combat, or became eighty percent disabled
22 as a result of injuries or accidents sustained in combat action after September 11, 2001; and
- 23 (c) "Combat veteran", a Missouri resident who is discharged for active duty service
24 having served since September 11, 2001, and received a DD214 in a geographic area entitled to
25 receive combat pay tax exclusion exemption, hazardous duty pay, or imminent danger pay, or
26 hostile fire pay;
- 27 (7) "Survivor", an eligible student of a qualifying military member;

28 (8) "Tuition", any tuition or incidental fee, or both, charged by an institution of
29 postsecondary education for attendance at the institution by a student as a resident of this state.
30 The tuition grant shall not exceed the amount of tuition charged a Missouri resident at the
31 University of Missouri-Columbia for attendance.

32 2. Within the limits of the amounts appropriated therefor, the coordinating board for
33 higher education shall award annually up to twenty-five grants to survivors of qualifying military
34 members to attend institutions of postsecondary education in this state, which shall continue to
35 be awarded annually to eligible recipients as long as the recipient achieves and maintains a
36 cumulative grade point average of at least two and one-half on a four-point scale, or its
37 equivalent. If the waiting list of eligible survivors exceeds fifty, the coordinating board may
38 petition the general assembly to expand the quota. If the quota is not expanded, then the
39 eligibility of survivors on the waiting list shall be extended.

40 3. A survivor may receive a grant under this section only so long as the survivor is
41 enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, or an associate or baccalaureate degree. In no event
42 shall a survivor receive a grant beyond the completion of the first baccalaureate degree,
43 regardless of age.

44 4. The coordinating board for higher education shall:

45 (1) Promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this section;
46 and

47 (2) Provide the forms and determine the procedures necessary for a survivor to apply for
48 and receive a grant under this section.

49 5. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created
50 under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and
51 is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section
52 and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
53 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
54 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
55 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2008, shall be invalid and void.

56 6. In order to be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a survivor shall be certified
57 as eligible by the Missouri veterans' commission.

58 7. A survivor who is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate
59 postsecondary student at an approved institution of postsecondary education, and who is selected
60 to receive a grant under this section, shall receive the following:

61 (1) An amount not to exceed the actual tuition charged at the approved institution of
62 postsecondary education where the survivor is enrolled or accepted for enrollment;

63 (2) An allowance of up to two thousand dollars per semester for room and board; and

64 (3) The actual cost of books, up to a maximum of five hundred dollars per semester.

65 8. A survivor who is a recipient of a grant may transfer from one approved public
66 institution of postsecondary education to another without losing his or her entitlement under this
67 section. The board shall make necessary adjustments in the amount of the grant. If a grant
68 recipient at any time withdraws from the institution of postsecondary education so that under the
69 rules and regulations of that institution he or she is entitled to a refund of any tuition, fees, room
70 and board, books, or other charges, the institution shall pay the portion of the refund to which
71 he or she is entitled attributable to the grant for that semester or similar grading period to the
72 board.

73 9. If a survivor is granted financial assistance under any other student aid program,
74 public or private, the full amount of such aid shall be reported to the board by the institution and
75 the eligible survivor.

76 10. Nothing in this section shall be construed as a promise or guarantee that a person will
77 be admitted to an institution of postsecondary education or to a particular institution of
78 postsecondary education, will be allowed to continue to attend an institution of postsecondary
79 education after having been admitted, or will be graduated from an institution of postsecondary
80 education.

81 11. The benefits conferred by this section shall be available to any academically eligible
82 student of a qualifying military member. Surviving children who are eligible shall be permitted
83 to apply for full benefits conferred by this section until they reach twenty-five years of age.

84 12. Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

85 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall [sunset
86 automatically six years after August 28, 2008] **be reauthorized as of the effective date of this**
87 **act and shall expire on August 28, 2020**, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly;
88 and

89 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section shall
90 sunset automatically twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section;
91 and

92 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately
93 following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.

173.2500. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

2 (1) **"Approved dual credit provider"**, a board approved, accredited Missouri
3 **higher education institution that provides dual credit courses;**

4 (2) **"Board"**, coordinating board for higher education;

5 (3) **"Department"**, department of higher education;

6 (4) "Dual credit courses", college level coursework delivered by a postsecondary
7 education institution and taught in the high school by instructors with appropriate
8 academic credentials to high school students who are earning high school and college credit
9 simultaneously.

10 2. Each institution of higher education desiring to become or remain an approved
11 dual credit provider in this state shall annually make written application to the board on
12 forms furnished by the board. Such application shall include at a minimum the
13 identification of all locations where the institution will offer dual credit courses, the courses
14 the institution plans to offer, and the fee the institution will charge students per credit
15 hour.

16 3. The department shall review the application and may conduct an investigation
17 of the applicant to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations promulgated under
18 this section. A dual credit course may not be advertised or represented as being delivered
19 by an approved dual credit provider in the absence of approval of the application by the
20 board.

21 4. The department shall maintain a listing of all approved dual credit providers and
22 shall make that listing publicly available, including through appropriate electronic media.

23 5. The board may promulgate administrative rules to implement this section,
24 including parameters for the approval of dual credit providers and establishing
25 appropriate fees as needed to generate funding sufficient to cover the entirety of costs
26 associated with operation of the dual credit provider certification process established in
27 this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that
28 is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it
29 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable,
30 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
31 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective
32 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the
33 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016,
34 shall be invalid and void.

35 6. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Dual Credit Certification
36 Fund", which shall consist of money collected under this section. The state treasurer shall
37 be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer
38 may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and money in the fund
39 shall be used solely by the department for the purpose of funding the costs associated with
40 the operation of the dual credit certification process authorized by this section.

41 **(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys**
42 **remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the**
43 **general revenue fund.**

44 **(3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other**
45 **funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited**
46 **to the fund.**

173.2505. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Dual Credit
2 **Scholarship Act".**

3 **2. To be eligible to receive the dual credit scholarship, a student shall:**

4 **(1) Be a United States citizen or permanent resident;**

5 **(2) Be a Missouri resident as defined by the coordinating board for higher**
6 **education pursuant to section 173.005;**

7 **(3) Be enrolled in a dual credit program offered by an approved dual credit**
8 **provider, as defined in section 173.2500;**

9 **(4) Have a cumulative high school grade point average of at least two and a half on**
10 **a four point scale or equivalent; and**

11 **(5) Meet one or more of the following indicators of economic need:**

12 **(a) Be individually eligible to be enrolled in a federal free or reduced-price lunch**
13 **program, based on income levels established by the United States Department of**
14 **Agriculture;**

15 **(b) Reside in a foster home, be a ward of the state, or be homeless; or**

16 **(c) Receive low-income public assistance, such as the Supplemental Nutrition**
17 **Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,**
18 **Infants, and Children (WIC), or live in federally subsidized public housing.**

19 **3. The dual credit scholarship is hereby created to provide financial assistance to**
20 **high school students enrolling in dual credit courses offered by an approved dual credit**
21 **provider as defined in section 173.2500. The coordinating board may promulgate rules for**
22 **the administration of the program including establishing the application, eligibility, and**
23 **payment procedures. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section**
24 **536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective**
25 **only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if**
26 **applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of**
27 **the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay**
28 **the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**
29 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted**
30 **after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.**

31 4. Subject to appropriation, the dual credit scholarship shall reimburse eligible
32 students for up to fifty percent of the tuition cost paid by the student to enroll in a dual
33 credit course offered by an approved dual credit provider.

34 5. No student shall receive in excess of five hundred dollars annually for all dual
35 credit courses taken by such student.

36 6. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Dual Credit Scholarship
37 Fund", which shall consist of moneys appropriated to the fund by the General Assembly
38 and private donations made to the fund. The state treasurer shall be the custodian of the
39 fund and shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested.
40 Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.
41 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining
42 in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue
43 fund.

 173.2510. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "15 to Finish
2 Act".

3 2. The coordinating board for higher education, in cooperation with public
4 institutions of higher education in this state, shall develop policies that promote the on-time
5 completion of degree programs by students. The policies shall include, but not be limited
6 to:

7 (1) Defining on-time completion for specific levels of postsecondary credentials;

8 (2) Providing financial incentives to students during their senior year of
9 undergraduate study who are on pace to graduate in no more than eight semesters; and

10 (3) Reducing, when feasible and permitted by accreditation or occupational
11 licensure, the number of credit hours required to earn a degree.

12 3. By December 1, 2017, the department of higher education shall provide a report
13 to the governor and the general assembly describing the actions taken to implement these
14 provisions.

 173.2515. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Guided
2 Pathways to Success Act".

3 2. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

4 (1) "Degree maps", a list of all course sequences available to fulfill the
5 requirements for a specific degree program;

6 (2) "Meta-majors", a collection of academic programs that have common or related
7 courses;

8 (3) "Proactive advising", an advising model in which advisors reach out to students
9 in anticipation of their needs, connect students with resources and support early in their
10 studies, and motivate students to succeed;

11 (4) "Structured schedule", a specific sequence of required and elective courses each
12 semester that, when taken as prescribed, represent a direct path to complete a chosen
13 program of study.

14 3. The coordinating board for higher education, in cooperation with the state's
15 colleges and universities, shall develop a guided pathways to success pilot program.
16 Guided pathways to success shall include at least two of the following components:

17 (1) Majors organized into semester-by-semester sets of courses that lead to on-time
18 completion, which shall have the same meaning as described pursuant to section 173.2510;

19 (2) Degree-based transfer pathways between participating institutions to assist
20 students who enroll in multiple institutions to complete their degree;

21 (3) Available meta-majors to minimize the loss of credit due to changes by students
22 in their degree majors;

23 (4) Student commitment to a structured schedule of courses and electives; and

24 (5) Clear degree maps, proactive advising and guarantees that required courses are
25 available when needed by students.

26 4. The department shall develop and publicly maintain materials that describe the
27 elements of Missouri's guided pathways to success project and assist students in
28 understanding the operation of each component.

29 5. By January 1, 2020, the coordinating board shall report to the governor and the
30 general assembly on the outcomes of the pilot program created in this section.

31 6. Based on the outcomes of the pilot program created in this section, the
32 coordinating board may request funding to provide competitive grants to institutions of
33 higher education to assist in defraying the costs incurred to implement guided pathways
34 to success on a statewide basis.

35 7. The coordinating board for higher education shall establish by administrative
36 rule criteria and procedures for the application for, and awarding of, grants authorized
37 by this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that
38 is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it
39 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable,
40 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
41 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective
42 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the

43 **grant of rule making authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016,**
44 **shall be invalid and void.**

173.2520. 1. As used in this section, the term "concurrent postsecondary
2 enrollment" shall mean coordinated enrollment in coursework at both a four-year and a
3 two-year postsecondary institution at the same time and for which the coursework is
4 officially recorded by both institutions.

5 2. The coordinating board for higher education shall establish a concurrent
6 enrollment pilot program for the purpose of providing students with a broader range of
7 academic and student support services while streamlining the path to degree completion.
8 The pilot project will be implemented in one or more public four-year institutions and one
9 or more public two-year institutions. The pilot program is intended to determine the
10 feasibility of extending a concurrent enrollment option to other institutions in the state.

11 3. By January 1, 2020, the coordinating board shall provide a report to the
12 governor and the general assembly on the outcomes of the pilot program and provide a
13 recommendation regarding the expansion of the program statewide.

Section B. Because of the importance of providing educational assistance to members
2 of the military and their families, the repeal and reenactment of section 173.234 of this act is
3 deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety,
4 and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the
5 repeal and reenactment of section 173.234 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its
6 passage and approval.

Section C. Because of the importance of improving and sustaining the access to federal
2 financial aid for higher education students in Missouri, the repeal and reenactment of section
3 173.005 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
4 health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the
5 meaning of the constitution, and the repeal and reenactment of section 173.005 of section A of
6 this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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