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AN ACT

To repeal sections 32.115, 99.1205, 100.286, 100.850, 135.110, 135.309, 135.363, 135.403, 135.484, 135.535, 135.700, 135.766, 135.967, 135.968, 253.557, 348.302, 348.306, 447.708, 620.650, 620.1039, 620.1881, and 620.2020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-two new sections relating to the transferability of tax credits.

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

Section A. Sections 32.115, 99.1205, 100.286, 100.850, 135.110, 135.309,

- 2 135.363, 135.403, 135.484, 135.535, 135.700, 135.766, 135.967, 135.968, 253.557,
- 3 348.302, 348.306, 447.708, 620.650, 620.1039, 620.1881, and 620.2020, RSMo, are
- 4 repealed and twenty-two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as
- 5 sections 32.115, 99.1205, 100.286, 100.850, 135.110, 135.309, 135.363, 135.403,
- 6 135.484, 135.535, 135.700, 135.766, 135.967, 135.968, 253.557, 348.302, 348.306,
- 7 447.708, 620.650, 620.1039, 620.1881, and 620.2020, to read as follows:
 - 32.115. 1. The department of revenue shall grant a tax credit, to be
- 2 applied in the following order until used, against:
- 3 (1) The annual tax on gross premium receipts of insurance companies in
- 4 chapter 148;
- 5 (2) The tax on banks determined pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection
- 6 2 of section 148.030;
- 7 (3) The tax on banks determined in subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of
- 8 section 148.030;
- 9 (4) The tax on other financial institutions in chapter 148;
- 10 (5) The corporation franchise tax in chapter 147;
- 11 (6) The state income tax in chapter 143; and

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

12 (7) The annual tax on gross receipts of express companies in chapter 153.

- 2. For proposals approved pursuant to section 32.110:
- 14 (1) The amount of the tax credit shall not exceed fifty percent of the total 15 amount contributed during the taxable year by the business firm or, in the case 16 of a financial institution, where applicable, during the relevant income period in 17 programs approved pursuant to section 32.110;
 - (2) Except as provided in subsection 2 or 5 of this section, a tax credit of up to seventy percent may be allowed for contributions to programs where activities fall within the scope of special program priorities as defined with the approval of the governor in regulations promulgated by the director of the department of economic development;
 - (3) Except as provided in subsection 2 or 5 of this section, the tax credit allowed for contributions to programs located in any community shall be equal to seventy percent of the total amount contributed where such community is a city, town, or village which has fifteen thousand or less inhabitants as of the last decennial census and is located in a county which is either located in:
 - (a) An area that is not part of a standard metropolitan statistical area;
 - (b) A standard metropolitan statistical area but such county has only one city, town, or village which has more than fifteen thousand inhabitants; or
- 31 (c) A standard metropolitan statistical area and a substantial number of 32 persons in such county derive their income from agriculture.
 - Such community may also be in an unincorporated area in such county as provided in subdivision (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection. Except in no case shall the total economic benefit of the combined federal and state tax savings to the taxpayer exceed the amount contributed by the taxpayer during the tax year;
 - (4) Such tax credit allocation, equal to seventy percent of the total amount contributed, shall not exceed four million dollars in fiscal year 1999 and six million dollars in fiscal year 2000 and any subsequent fiscal year. When the maximum dollar limit on the seventy percent tax credit allocation is committed, the tax credit allocation for such programs shall then be equal to fifty percent credit of the total amount contributed. Regulations establishing special program priorities are to be promulgated during the first month of each fiscal year and at such times during the year as the public interest dictates. Such credit shall not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually except as provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection. No tax credit shall be approved for any bank, bank and trust company, insurance company, trust company, national bank,

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48 savings association, or building and loan association for activities that are a part 49 of its normal course of business. Any tax credit not used in the period the contribution was made may be carried over the next five succeeding calendar or 50 fiscal years until the full credit has been claimed. Except as otherwise provided 51 for proposals approved pursuant to section 32.111, 32.112, or 32.117, in no event 52shall the total amount of all other tax credits allowed pursuant to sections 32.100 53 to 32.125 exceed thirty-two million dollars in any one fiscal year, of which six 54 million shall be credits allowed pursuant to section 135.460. If six million dollars 55 in credits are not approved, then the remaining credits may be used for programs 56 57 approved pursuant to sections 32.100 to 32.125;

- (5) The credit may exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars annually and shall not be limited if community services, crime prevention, education, job training, physical revitalization, or economic development, as defined by section 32.105, is rendered in an area defined by federal or state law as an impoverished, economically distressed, or blighted area or as a neighborhood experiencing problems endangering its existence as a viable and stable neighborhood, or if the community services, crime prevention, education, job training, physical revitalization, or economic development is limited to impoverished persons.
 - 3. For proposals approved pursuant to section 32.111:
- (1) The amount of the tax credit shall not exceed fifty-five percent of the total amount invested in affordable housing assistance activities or market rate housing in distressed communities as defined in section 135.530 by a business firm. Whenever such investment is made in the form of an equity investment or a loan, as opposed to a donation alone, tax credits may be claimed only where the loan or equity investment is accompanied by a donation which is eligible for federal income tax charitable deduction, and where the total value of the tax credits herein plus the value of the federal income tax charitable deduction is less than or equal to the value of the donation. Any tax credit not used in the period for which the credit was approved may be carried over the next ten succeeding calendar or fiscal years until the full credit has been allowed. If the affordable housing units or market rate housing units in distressed communities for which a tax is claimed are within a larger structure, parts of which are not the subject of a tax credit claim, then expenditures applicable to the entire structure shall be reduced on a prorated basis in proportion to the ratio of the number of square feet devoted to the affordable housing units or market rate housing units in distressed communities, for purposes of determining the amount of the tax

credit. The total amount of tax credit granted for programs approved pursuant to section 32.111 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1991, shall not exceed two million dollars, to be increased by no more than two million dollars each succeeding fiscal year, until the total tax credits that may be approved reaches ten million dollars in any fiscal year;

- (2) For any year during the compliance period indicated in the land use restriction agreement, the owner of the affordable housing rental units for which a credit is being claimed shall certify to the commission that all tenants renting claimed units are income eligible for affordable housing units and that the rentals for each claimed unit are in compliance with the provisions of sections 32.100 to 32.125. The commission is authorized, in its discretion, to audit the records and accounts of the owner to verify such certification;
- (3) In the case of owner-occupied affordable housing units, the qualifying owner occupant shall, before the end of the first year in which credits are claimed, certify to the commission that the occupant is income eligible during the preceding two years, and at the time of the initial purchase contract, but not thereafter. The qualifying owner occupant shall further certify to the commission, before the end of the first year in which credits are claimed, that during the compliance period indicated in the land use restriction agreement, the cost of the affordable housing unit to the occupant for the claimed unit can reasonably be projected to be in compliance with the provisions of sections 32.100 to 32.125. Any succeeding owner occupant acquiring the affordable housing unit during the compliance period indicated in the land use restriction agreement shall make the same certification;
- (4) If at any time during the compliance period the commission determines a project for which a proposal has been approved is not in compliance with the applicable provisions of sections 32.100 to 32.125 or rules promulgated therefor, the commission may within one hundred fifty days of notice to the owner either seek injunctive enforcement action against the owner, or seek legal damages against the owner representing the value of the tax credits, or foreclose on the lien in the land use restriction agreement, selling the project at a public sale, and paying to the owner the proceeds of the sale, less the costs of the sale and less the value of all tax credits allowed herein. The commission shall remit to the director of revenue the portion of the legal damages collected or the sale proceeds representing the value of the tax credits. However, except in the event of intentional fraud by the taxpayer, the proposal's certificate of eligibility for tax

- 120 credits shall not be revoked.
- 4. For proposals approved pursuant to section 32.112, the amount of the tax credit shall not exceed fifty-five percent of the total amount contributed to a neighborhood organization by business firms. Any tax credit not used in the period for which the credit was approved may be carried over the next ten succeeding calendar or fiscal years until the full credit has been allowed. The total amount of tax credit granted for programs approved pursuant to section 32.112 shall not exceed one million dollars for each fiscal year.
- 5. The total amount of tax credits used for market rate housing in distressed communities pursuant to sections 32.100 to 32.125 shall not exceed thirty percent of the total amount of all tax credits authorized pursuant to sections 32.111 and 32.112.
- 6. No tax credit authorized pursuant to sections 32.100 to 32.125 shall be transferred, sold, or assigned.
 - 99.1205. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the 2 "Distressed Areas Land Assemblage Tax Credit Act".
 - 3 2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:
- 4 (1) "Acquisition costs", the purchase price for the eligible parcel, costs of environmental assessments, closing costs, real estate brokerage fees, reasonable demolition costs of vacant structures, and reasonable maintenance costs incurred to maintain an acquired eligible parcel for a period of five years after the acquisition of such eligible parcel. Acquisition costs shall not include costs for title insurance and survey, attorney's fees, relocation costs, fines, or bills from a municipality;
- 11 (2) "Applicant", any person, firm, partnership, trust, limited liability 12 company, or corporation which has:
- 13 (a) Incurred, within an eligible project area, acquisition costs for the 14 acquisition of land sufficient to satisfy the requirements under subdivision (8) of 15 this subsection; and
- (b) Been appointed or selected, pursuant to a redevelopment agreement by a municipal authority, as a redeveloper or similar designation, under an economic incentive law, to redevelop an urban renewal area or a redevelopment area that includes all of an eligible project area or whose redevelopment plan or redevelopment area, which encompasses all of an eligible project area, has been approved or adopted under an economic incentive law. In addition to being designated the redeveloper, the applicant shall have been designated to receive

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- 24 of the tax credits in adopting such economic incentives as provided in subsection
- 25 8 of this section. The redevelopment agreement shall provide that:
- a. The funds generated through the use or sale of the tax credits issued under this section shall be used to redevelop the eligible project area;
- b. No more than seventy-five percent of the urban renewal area identified in the urban renewal plan or the redevelopment area identified in the redevelopment plan may be redeveloped by the applicant; and
 - c. The remainder of the urban renewal area or the redevelopment area shall be redeveloped by co-redevelopers or redevelopers to whom the applicant has assigned its redevelopment rights and obligations under the urban renewal plan or the redevelopment plan;
 - (3) "Certificate", a tax credit certificate issued under this section;
 - (4) "Condemnation proceedings", any action taken by, or on behalf of, an applicant to initiate an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to use the power of eminent domain to acquire a parcel within the eligible project area. Condemnation proceedings shall include any and all actions taken after the submission of a notice of intended acquisition to an owner of a parcel within the eligible project area by a municipal authority or any other person or entity under section 523.250;
 - (5) "Department", the Missouri department of economic development;
- (6) "Economic incentive laws", any provision of Missouri law pursuant to 44 which economic incentives are provided to redevelopers of a parcel or parcels to 45 redevelop the land, such as tax abatement or payments in lieu of taxes, or 46 47 redevelopment plans or redevelopment projects approved or adopted which include the use of economic incentives to redevelop the land. Economic incentive 48 laws include, but are not limited to, the land clearance for redevelopment 49 authority law under sections 99.300 to 99.660, the real property tax increment 50 allocation redevelopment act under sections 99.800 to 99.865, the Missouri 51 52 downtown and rural economic stimulus act under sections 99.915 to 99.1060, and the downtown revitalization preservation program under sections 99.1080 to 53 99.1092; 54
- 55 (7) "Eligible parcel", a parcel:
- 56 (a) Which is located within an eligible project area;
- 57 (b) Which is to be redeveloped;
- 58 (c) On which the applicant has not commenced construction prior to

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- 60 (d) Which has been acquired without the commencement of any 61 condemnation proceedings with respect to such parcel brought by or on behalf of 62 the applicant. Any parcel acquired by the applicant from a municipal authority 63 shall not constitute an eligible parcel; and
- 64 (e) On which all outstanding taxes, fines, and bills levied by municipal 65 governments that were levied by the municipality during the time period that the 66 applicant held title to the eligible parcel have been paid in full;
 - (8) "Eligible project area", an area which shall have satisfied the following requirements:
- 69 (a) The eligible project area shall consist of at least seventy-five acres and 70 may include parcels within its boundaries that do not constitute an eligible 71 parcel;
- 72 (b) At least eighty percent of the eligible project area shall be located 73 within a Missouri qualified census tract area, as designated by the United States 74 Department of Housing and Urban Development under 26 U.S.C. Section 42, or 75 within a distressed community as that term is defined in section 135.530;
- 76 (c) The eligible parcels acquired by the applicant within the eligible 77 project area shall total at least fifty acres, which may consist of contiguous and 78 noncontiguous parcels;
- 79 (d) The average number of parcels per acre in an eligible project area 80 shall be four or more;
- 81 (e) Less than five percent of the acreage within the boundaries of the 82 eligible project area shall consist of owner-occupied residences which the 83 applicant has identified for acquisition under the urban renewal plan or the 84 redevelopment plan pursuant to which the applicant was appointed or selected 85 as the redeveloper or by which the person or entity was qualified as an applicant 86 under this section on the date of the approval or adoption of such plan;
- 87 (9) "Interest costs", interest, loan fees, and closing costs. Interest costs 88 shall not include attorney's fees;
- 89 (10) "Maintenance costs", costs of boarding up and securing vacant 90 structures, costs of removing trash, and costs of cutting grass and weeds;
- 91 (11) "Municipal authority", any city, town, village, county, public body 92 corporate and politic, political subdivision, or land trust of this state established 93 and authorized to own land within the state;
 - (12) "Municipality", any city, town, village, or county;

95 (13) "Parcel", a single lot or tract of land, and the improvements thereon, 96 owned by, or recorded as the property of, one or more persons or entities;

- (14) "Redeveloped", the process of undertaking and carrying out a redevelopment plan or urban renewal plan pursuant to which the conditions which provided the basis for an eligible project area to be included in a redevelopment plan or urban renewal plan are to be reduced or eliminated by redevelopment or rehabilitation; and
- (15) "Redevelopment agreement", the redevelopment agreement or similar agreement into which the applicant entered with a municipal authority and which is the agreement for the implementation of the urban renewal plan or redevelopment plan pursuant to which the applicant was appointed or selected as the redeveloper or by which the person or entity was qualified as an applicant under this section; and such appointment or selection shall have been approved by an ordinance of the governing body of the municipality, or municipalities, or in the case of any city not within a county, the board of aldermen, in which the eligible project area is located. The redevelopment agreement shall include a time line for redevelopment of the eligible project area. The redevelopment agreement shall state that the named developer shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 290.
- 3. Any applicant shall be entitled to a tax credit against the taxes imposed under chapters 143, 147, and 148, except for sections 143.191 to 143.265, in an amount equal to fifty percent of the acquisition costs, and one hundred percent of the interest costs incurred for a period of five years after the acquisition of an eligible parcel. No tax credits shall be issued under this section until after January 1, 2008.
- 4. If the amount of such tax credit exceeds the total tax liability for the year in which the applicant is entitled to receive a tax credit, the amount that exceeds the state tax liability may be carried forward for credit against the taxes imposed under chapters 143, 147, and 148 for the succeeding six years, or until the full credit is used, whichever occurs first. The applicant shall not be entitled to a tax credit for taxes imposed under sections 143.191 to 143.265. [Applicants entitled to receive such tax credits may transfer, sell, or assign the tax credits.]

 No tax credit authorized under this section shall be transferred, sold, or assigned. Tax credits granted to a partnership, a limited liability company taxed as a partnership, or multiple owners of property shall be passed through to the partners, members, or owners respectively pro rata or pursuant to an

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- 5. [A purchaser, transferee, or assignee of the tax credits authorized under this section may use acquired tax credits to offset up to one hundred percent of the tax liabilities otherwise imposed under chapters 143, 147, and 148, except for sections 143.191 to 143.265. A seller, transferor, or assignor shall perfect such transfer by notifying the department in writing within thirty calendar days following the effective date of the transfer and shall provide any information as may be required by the department to administer and carry out the provisions of this section.
- 6.] To claim tax credits authorized under this section, an applicant shall submit to the department an application for a certificate. An applicant shall identify the boundaries of the eligible project area in the application. The department shall verify that the applicant has submitted a valid application in the form and format required by the department. The department shall verify that the municipal authority held the requisite hearings and gave the requisite notices for such hearings in accordance with the applicable economic incentive act, and municipal ordinances. On an annual basis, an applicant may file for the tax credit for the acquisition costs, and for the tax credit for the interest costs, subject to the limitations of this section. If an applicant applying for the tax credit meets the criteria required under this section, the department shall issue a certificate in the appropriate amount. If an applicant receives a tax credit for maintenance costs as a part of the applicant's acquisition costs, the department shall post on its internet website the amount and type of maintenance costs and a description of the redevelopment project for which the applicant received a tax credit within thirty days after the department issues the certificate to the applicant.
- [7.] 6. The total aggregate amount of tax credits authorized under this section shall not exceed ninety-five million dollars. At no time shall the annual amount of the tax credits issued under this section exceed twenty million dollars. If the tax credits that are to be issued under this section exceed, in any year, the twenty million dollar limitation, the department shall either:
- 163 (1) Issue tax credits to the applicant in the amount of twenty million 164 dollars, if there is only one applicant entitled to receive tax credits in that year; 165 or
 - (2) Issue the tax credits on a pro rata basis to all applicants entitled to

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is, or applicants are, entitled to receive on an annual basis and are not issued due

169 to the twenty million dollar limitation, shall be carried forward for the benefit of

- 170 the applicant or applicants to subsequent years.
- 171 No tax credits provided under this section shall be authorized after August 28,
- 172 2013. Any tax credits which have been authorized on or before August 28, 2013,
- 173 but not issued, may be issued, subject to the limitations provided under this
- 174 subsection, until all such authorized tax credits have been issued.
 - [8.] 7. Upon issuance of any tax credits pursuant to this section, the department shall report to the municipal authority the applicant's name and address, the parcel numbers of the eligible parcels for which the tax credits were issued, the itemized acquisition costs and interest costs for which tax credits were issued, and the total value of the tax credits issued. The municipal authority and the state shall not consider the amount of the tax credits as an applicant's cost, but shall include the tax credits in any sources and uses and cost benefit analysis reviewed or created for the purpose of awarding other economic incentives. The amount of the tax credits shall not be considered an applicant's cost in the evaluation of the amount of any award of any other economic incentives, but shall be considered in measuring the reasonableness of the rate of return to the applicant with respect to such award of other economic incentives. The municipal authority shall provide the report to any relevant commission, board, or entity responsible for the evaluation and recommendation or approval of other economic incentives to assist in the redevelopment of the eligible project area. Tax credits authorized under this section shall constitute redevelopment tax credits, as such term is defined under section 135.800, and shall be subject to all provisions applicable to redevelopment tax credits provided under sections 135.800 to 135.830.
 - [9.] 8. The department may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be

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100.286. 1. Within the discretion of the board, the development and reserve fund, the infrastructure development fund or the export finance fund may be pledged to secure the payment of any bonds or notes issued by the board, or to secure the payment of any loan made by the board or a participating lender which loan:

- 6 (1) Is requested to finance any project or export trade activity;
- 7 (2) Is requested by a borrower who is demonstrated to be financially 8 responsible;
- 9 (3) Can reasonably be expected to provide a benefit to the economy of this 10 state;
- 11 (4) Is otherwise secured by a mortgage or deed of trust on real or personal 12 property or other security satisfactory to the board; provided that loans to finance 13 export trade activities may be secured by export accounts receivable or 14 inventories of exportable goods satisfactory to the board;
 - (5) Does not exceed five million dollars:
- 16 (6) Does not have a term longer than five years if such loan is made to 17 finance export trade activities; and
- 18 (7) Is, when used to finance export trade activities, made to small or 19 medium size businesses or agricultural businesses, as may be defined by the 20 board.
 - 2. The board shall prescribe standards for the evaluation of the financial condition, business history, and qualifications of each borrower and the terms and conditions of loans which may be secured, and may require each application to include a financial report and evaluation by an independent certified public accounting firm, in addition to such examination and evaluation as may be conducted by any participating lender.
- 3. Each application for a loan secured by the development and reserve fund, the infrastructure development fund, or the export finance fund shall be reviewed in the first instance by any participating lender to whom the application was submitted. If satisfied that the standards prescribed by the board are met and that the loan is otherwise eligible to be secured by the development and reserve fund, the infrastructure development fund, or the export finance fund, the participating lender shall certify the same and forward the application for final approval to the board.
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infrastructure development fund, or the export finance fund shall be conditioned upon approval of the application by the board, and receipt of an annual reserve participation fee, as prescribed by the board, submitted by or on behalf of the borrower.

- 5. The securing of any loan by the export finance fund for export trade activities shall be conditioned upon the board's compliance with any applicable treaties and international agreements, such as the general agreement on tariffs and trade and the subsidies code, to which the United States is then a party.
- 44 6. Any taxpayer, including any charitable organization that is exempt from federal income tax and whose Missouri unrelated business taxable income, 45 46 if any, would be subject to the state income tax imposed under chapter 143, may, 47 subject to the limitations provided under subsection 8 of this section, receive a tax 48 credit against any tax otherwise due under the provisions of chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.261, chapter 147, 49 50 or chapter 148, in the amount of fifty percent of any amount contributed in money or property by the taxpayer to the development and reserve fund, the 51 52 infrastructure development fund, or the export finance fund during the taxpayer's tax year, provided, however, the total tax credits awarded in any calendar year 53 beginning after January 1, 1994, shall not be the greater of ten million dollars or 54 five percent of the average growth in general revenue receipts in the preceding 56 three fiscal years. This limit may be exceeded only upon joint agreement by the commissioner of administration, the director of the department of economic 57 development, and the director of the department of revenue that such action is 58 essential to ensure retention or attraction of investment in Missouri. If the board 59 60 receives, as a contribution, real property, the contributor at such contributor's own expense shall have two independent appraisals conducted by appraisers 61 certified by the Master Appraisal Institute. Both appraisals shall be submitted 62 to the board, and the tax credit certified by the board to the contributor shall be 63 based upon the value of the lower of the two appraisals. The board shall not certify the tax credit until the property is deeded to the board. Such credit shall 65 not apply to reserve participation fees paid by borrowers under sections 100.250 66 to 100.297. The portion of earned tax credits which exceeds the taxpayer's tax 67 68 liability may be carried forward for up to five years.
 - 7. [Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any taxpayer may sell, assign, exchange, convey or otherwise transfer tax credits allowed in subsection 6 of this section under the terms and conditions prescribed in

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subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection. Such taxpayer, hereinafter the assignor for the purpose of this subsection, may sell, assign, exchange or otherwise transfer earned tax credits:

- 75 (1) For no less than seventy-five percent of the par value of such credits; 76 and
- 77 (2) In an amount not to exceed one hundred percent of annual earned 78 credits.

The taxpayer acquiring earned credits, hereinafter the assignee for the purpose 79 of this subsection, may use the acquired credits to offset up to one hundred 80 81 percent of the tax liabilities otherwise imposed by chapter 143, excluding 82 withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.261, chapter 147, or chapter 83 148. Unused credits in the hands of the assignee may be carried forward for up 84 to five years, provided all such credits shall be claimed within ten years following the tax years in which the contribution was made. The assignor shall enter into 85 a written agreement with the assignee establishing the terms and conditions of 86 the agreement and shall perfect such transfer by notifying the board in writing 87 88 within thirty calendar days following the effective day of the transfer and shall provide any information as may be required by the board to administer and carry 89 90 out the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the amount received by the assignor of such tax credit shall be 91 92taxable as income of the assignor, and the excess of the par value of such credit over the amount paid by the assignee for such credit shall be taxable as income 93 94 of the assignee.] No tax credit authorized pursuant to subsection 6 of this 95 section shall be transferred, sold, or assigned.

8. Provisions of subsections 1 to 7 of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, no more than ten million dollars in tax credits provided under this section, may be authorized or approved annually. The limitation on tax credit authorization and approval provided under this subsection may be exceeded only upon mutual agreement, evidenced by a signed and properly notarized letter, by the commissioner of the office of administration, the director of the department of economic development, and the director of the department of revenue that such action is essential to ensure retention or attraction of investment in Missouri provided, however, that in no case shall more than twenty-five million dollars in tax credits be authorized or approved during such year. Taxpayers shall file, with the board, an application for tax credits authorized under this section on a form provided by the board. The provisions of this subsection shall not be

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credits for issuance for projects authorized or approved, by a vote of the board, on or before the thirtieth day following the effective date of this act, or a taxpayer's ability to redeem such tax credits.

100.850. 1. The approved company shall remit to the board a job development assessment fee, not to exceed five percent of the gross wages of each eligible employee whose job was created as a result of the economic development project, or not to exceed ten percent if the economic development project is located within a distressed community as defined in section 135.530, for the purpose of retiring bonds which fund the economic development project.

- 2. Any approved company remitting an assessment as provided in subsection 1 of this section shall make its payroll books and records available to the board at such reasonable times as the board shall request and shall file with the board documentation respecting the assessment as the board may require.
- 3. Any assessment remitted pursuant to subsection 1 of this section shall cease on the date the bonds are retired.
- 4. Any approved company which has paid an assessment for debt reduction shall be allowed a tax credit equal to the amount of the assessment. The tax credit may be claimed against taxes otherwise imposed by chapters 143 and 148, except withholding taxes imposed under the provisions of sections 143.191 to 143.265, which were incurred during the tax period in which the assessment was made. The tax credit shall not be transferred, sold, or assigned.
 - 5. In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits authorized by subsection 4 of this section exceed twenty-five million dollars annually. Of such amount, nine hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be reserved for an approved project for a world headquarters of a business whose primary function is tax return preparation that is located in any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county, which amount reserved shall end in the year of the final maturity of the certificates issued for such approved project.
- 6. The director of revenue shall issue a refund to the approved company to the extent that the amount of credits allowed in subsection 4 of this section exceeds the amount of the approved company's income tax.
 - 135.110. 1. Any taxpayer who shall establish a new business facility shall be allowed a credit, each year for ten years, in an amount determined pursuant

to subsection 2 or 3 of this section, whichever is applicable, against the tax imposed by chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, or an insurance company which shall establish a new business facility by satisfying the requirements in subdivision (7) of section 135.100 shall be 6 allowed a credit against the tax otherwise imposed by chapter 148, and in the 7 case of an insurance company exempt from the thirty percent employee requirement of section 135.230, against any obligation imposed pursuant to section 375.916, except that no taxpayer shall be entitled to multiple ten-year 10 periods for subsequent expansions at the same facility, except as otherwise 11 12 provided in this section. For the purpose of this section, the term "facility" shall 13 mean, and be limited to, the facility or facilities which are located on the same 14 site in which the new business facility is located, and in which the business 15 conducted at such facility or facilities is directly related to the business conducted at the new business facility. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, 16 17 a taxpayer may be entitled to an additional ten-year period if a new business facility is expanded in the eighth, ninth, or tenth year of the current ten-year 18 19 period or in subsequent years following the expiration of the ten-year period, if the number of new business facility employees attributed to such expansion is at 20 21least twenty-five and the amount of new business facility investment attributed 22to such expansion is at least one million dollars. Credits may not be carried 23 forward but shall be claimed for the taxable year during which commencement of commercial operations occurs at such new business facility, and for each of the 24 25 nine succeeding taxable years. A letter of intent, as provided for in section 26 135.258, must be filed with the department of economic development no later 27 than fifteen days prior to the commencement of commercial operations at the new business facility. The initial application for claiming tax credits must be made 28 in the taxpayer's tax period immediately following the tax period in which 29 30 commencement of commercial operations began at the new business facility. This provision shall have effect on all initial applications filed on or after August 28, 31 32 1992. No credit shall be allowed pursuant to this section unless the number of new business facility employees engaged or maintained in employment at the new 33 business facility for the taxable year for which the credit is claimed equals or 34 35 exceeds two; except that the number of new business facility employees engaged 36 or maintained in employment by a revenue-producing enterprise other than a revenue-producing enterprise defined in paragraphs (a) to (g) and (i) to (l) of 37 38 subdivision (11) of section 135.100 which establishes an office as defined in

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- 39 subdivision (8) of section 135.100 shall equal or exceed twenty-five.
- 2. For tax periods beginning after August 28, 1991, in the case of a taxpayer operating an existing business facility, the credit allowed by subsection 1 of this section shall offset the greater of:
 - (1) Some portion of the income tax otherwise imposed by chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, or in the case of an insurance company, the tax on the direct premiums, as defined in chapter 148, and in the case of an insurance company exempt from the thirty percent employee requirement of section 135.230, against any obligation imposed pursuant to section 375.916 with respect to such taxpayer's new business facility income for the taxable year for which such credit is allowed; or
 - (2) Up to fifty percent or, in the case of an economic development project located within a distressed community as defined in section 135.530, seventy-five percent of the business income tax otherwise imposed by chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, or in the case of an insurance company, the tax on the direct premiums, as defined in chapter 148, and in the case of an insurance company exempt from the thirty percent employee requirement of section 135.230, against any obligation imposed pursuant to section 375.916 if the business operates no other facilities in Missouri. In the case of an existing business facility operating more than one facility in Missouri, the credit allowed in subsection 1 of this section shall offset up to the greater of the portion prescribed in subdivision (1) of this subsection or twenty-five percent or, in the case of an economic development project located within a distressed community as defined in section 135.530, thirty-five percent of the business' tax, except that no taxpayer operating more than one facility in Missouri shall be allowed to offset more than twenty-five percent or, in the case of an economic development project located within a distressed community as defined in section 135.530, thirty-five percent of the taxpayer's business income tax in any tax period under the method prescribed in this subdivision. Such credit shall be an amount equal to the sum of one hundred dollars or, in the case of an economic development project located within a distressed community as defined in section 135.530, one hundred fifty dollars for each new business facility employee plus one hundred dollars or, in the case of an economic development project located within a distressed community as defined in section 135.530, one hundred fifty dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars, or major fraction thereof (which shall be deemed to be fifty-one percent or more) in new business facility

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75 investment. For the purpose of this section, tax credits earned by a taxpayer, 76 who establishes a new business facility because it satisfies the requirements of paragraph (c) of subdivision (4) of section 135.100, shall offset the greater of the 77 portion prescribed in subdivision (1) of this subsection or up to fifty percent or, 78in the case of an economic development project located within a distressed 79 community as defined in section 135.530, seventy-five percent of the business' tax 80 provided the business operates no other facilities in Missouri. In the case of a 81 82 business operating more than one facility in Missouri, the credit allowed in 83 subsection 1 of this section shall offset up to the greater of the portion prescribed 84 in subdivision (1) of this subsection or twenty-five percent or, in the case of an 85 economic development project located within a distressed community as defined 86 in section 135.530, thirty-five percent of the business' tax, except that no taxpayer 87 operating more than one facility in Missouri shall be allowed to offset more than twenty-five percent or, in the case of an economic development project located 88 89 within a distressed community as defined in section 135.530, thirty-five percent 90 of the taxpayer's business income tax in any tax period under the method 91 prescribed in this subdivision.

- 3. For tax periods beginning after August 28, 1991, in the case of a taxpayer not operating an existing business facility, the credit allowed by subsection 1 of this section shall offset the greater of:
- (1) Some portion of the income tax otherwise imposed by chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, or in the case of an insurance company, the tax on the direct premiums, as defined in chapter 148, and in the case of an insurance company exempt from the thirty percent employee requirement of section 135.230, against any obligation imposed pursuant to section 375.916 with respect to such taxpayer's new business facility income for the taxable year for which such credit is allowed; or
- 102 (2) Up to one hundred percent of the business income tax otherwise 103 imposed by chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 104 to 143.265, or in the case of an insurance company, the tax on the direct premiums, as defined in chapter 148, and in the case of an insurance company 105 106 exempt from the thirty percent employee requirement of section 135.230, against 107 any obligation imposed pursuant to section 375.916 if the business has no other 108 facilities operating in Missouri. In the case of a taxpayer not operating an 109 existing business and operating more than one facility in Missouri, the credit 110 allowed by subsection 1 of this section shall offset up to the greater of the portion

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4. The number of new business facility employees during any taxable year shall be determined by dividing by twelve the sum of the number of individuals employed on the last business day of each month of such taxable year. If the new business facility is in operation for less than the entire taxable year, the number of new business facility employees shall be determined by dividing the sum of the number of individuals employed on the last business day of each full calendar month during the portion of such taxable year during which the new business facility was in operation by the number of full calendar months during such period. For the purpose of computing the credit allowed by this section in the case of a facility which qualifies as a new business facility because it qualifies as a separate facility pursuant to subsection 6 of this section, and, in the case of a new business facility which satisfies the requirements of paragraph (c) of subdivision (4) of section 135.100, or subdivision (10) of section 135.100, the number of new business facility employees at such facility shall be reduced by the average number of individuals employed, computed as provided in this subsection, at the facility during the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which such expansion, acquisition, or replacement occurred and shall further be reduced by the number of individuals employed by the taxpayer or related taxpayer that was subsequently transferred to the new business facility from another Missouri facility and for which credits authorized in this section are not

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being earned, whether such credits are earned because of an expansion, acquisition, relocation or the establishment of a new facility.

- 5. For the purpose of computing the credit allowed by this section in the case of a facility which qualifies as a new business facility because it qualifies as a separate facility pursuant to subsection 6 of this section, and, in the case of a new business facility which satisfies the requirements of paragraph (c) of subdivision (4) of section 135.100 or subdivision (10) of section 135.100, the amount of the taxpayer's new business facility investment in such facility shall be reduced by the average amount, computed as provided in subdivision (7) of section 135.100 for new business facility investment, of the investment of the taxpayer, or related taxpayer immediately preceding such expansion or replacement or at the time of acquisition. Furthermore, the amount of the taxpayer's new business facility investment shall also be reduced by the amount of investment employed by the taxpayer or related taxpayer which was subsequently transferred to the new business facility from another Missouri facility and for which credits authorized in this section are not being earned, whether such credits are earned because of an expansion, acquisition, relocation, or the establishment of a new facility.
- 6. If a facility, which does not constitute a new business facility, is expanded by the taxpayer, the expansion shall be considered a separate facility eligible for the credit allowed by this section if:
- 168 (1) The taxpayer's new business facility investment in the expansion 169 during the tax period in which the credits allowed in this section are claimed 170 exceeds one hundred thousand dollars, or, if less, one hundred percent of the 171 investment in the original facility prior to expansion and if the number of new 172 business facility employees engaged or maintained in employment at the expansion facility for the taxable year for which credit is claimed equals or 173 exceeds two, except that the number of new business facility employees engaged 174 175 or maintained in employment at the expansion facility for the taxable year for 176 which the credit is claimed equals or exceeds twenty-five if an office as defined 177 in subdivision (8) of section 135.100 is established by a revenue-producing 178 enterprise other than a revenue-producing enterprise defined in paragraphs (a) 179 to (g) and (i) to (l) of subdivision (11) of section 135.100 and the total number of 180 employees at the facility after the expansion is at least two greater than the total 181 number of employees before the expansion, except that the total number of 182 employees at the facility after the expansion is at least greater than the number

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183 of employees before the expansion by twenty-five, if an office as defined in subdivision (8) of section 135.100 is established by a revenue-producing enterprise 184 185 other than a revenue-producing enterprise defined in paragraphs (a) to (g) and 186 (i) to (l) of subdivision (11) of section 135.100; and

- 187 (2) The expansion otherwise constitutes a new business facility. The taxpayer's investment in the expansion and in the original facility prior to 188 189 expansion shall be determined in the manner provided in subdivision (7) of 190 section 135.100.
- 7. No credit shall be allowed pursuant to this section to a public utility, as such term is defined in section 386.020. Notwithstanding any provision of this 193 subsection to the contrary, motor carriers, barge lines, or railroads engaged in transporting property for hire, or any interexchange telecommunications company or local exchange telecommunications company that establishes a new business 196 facility shall be eligible to qualify for credits allowed in this section.
 - 8. For the purposes of the credit described in this section, in the case of a corporation described in section 143.471 or partnership, in computing Missouri's tax liability, this credit shall be allowed to the following:
 - (1) The shareholders of the corporation described in section 143.471;
 - (2) The partners of the partnership. This credit shall be apportioned to the entities described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection in proportion to their share of ownership on the last day of the taxpayer's tax period.
 - 9. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any employee-owned engineering firm classified as SIC 8711, architectural firm as classified SIC 8712, or accounting firm classified SIC 8721 establishing a new business facility because it qualifies as a headquarters as defined in subsection 10 of this section, shall be allowed the credits described in subsection 11 of this section under the same terms and conditions prescribed in sections 135.100 to 135.150; provided:
- 211 (1) Such facility maintains an average of at least five hundred new 212 business facility employees as defined in subdivision (5) of section 135.100 during the taxpayer's tax period in which such credits are being claimed; and 213
- 214 (2) Such facility maintains an average of at least twenty million dollars 215in new business facility investment as defined in subdivision (7) of section 216 135.100 during the taxpayer's tax period in which such credits are being claimed.
 - 10. For the purpose of the credits allowed in subsection 9 of this section:
- 218 (1) "Employee-owned" means the business employees own directly or

219 indirectly, including through an employee stock ownership plan or trust at least:

- 220 (a) Seventy-five percent of the total business stock, if the taxpayer is a 221 corporation described in section 143.441; or
- 222 (b) One hundred percent of the interest in the business if the taxpayer is 223 a corporation described in section 143.471, a partnership, or a limited liability 224 company; and
 - (2) "Headquarters" means:

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- 226 (a) The administrative management of at least three integrated facilities 227 operated by the taxpayer or related taxpayer; and
- 228 (b) The taxpayer's business has been headquartered in this state for more 229 than fifty years.
- 230 11. The tax credits allowed in subsection 9 of this section shall be the 231 greater of:
 - (1) Four hundred dollars for each new business facility employee as computed in subsection 4 of this section and four percent of new business facility investment as computed in subsection 5 of this section; or
 - (2) Five hundred dollars for each new business facility employee as computed in subsection 4 of this section, and five hundred dollars of each one hundred thousand dollars of new business facility investment as computed in subsection 5 of this section.
 - 12. For the purpose of the credit described in subsection 9 of this section, in the case of a small corporation described in section 143.471, or a partnership, or a limited liability company, the credits allowed in subsection 9 of this section shall be apportioned in proportion to the share of ownership of each shareholder, partner, or stockholder on the last day of the taxpayer's tax period for which such credits are being claimed.
- 245 13. For the purpose of the credit described in subsection 9 of this section, tax credits earned, to the extent such credits exceed the taxpayer's Missouri tax 246 247 on taxable business income, shall constitute an overpayment of taxes and in such 248 case, be refunded to the taxpayer provided such refunds are used by the taxpayer to purchase specified facility items. For the purpose of the refund as authorized 249 250 in this subsection, "specified facility items" means equipment, computers, 251 computer software, copiers, tenant finishing, furniture and fixtures installed and 252in use at the new business facility during the taxpayer's taxable year. The 253 taxpayer shall perfect such refund by attesting in writing to the director, subject 254 to the penalties of perjury, the requirements prescribed in this subsection have

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255 been met and submitting any other information the director may require.

- 14. [Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any taxpayer may sell, assign, exchange, convey or otherwise transfer tax credits allowed in subsection 9 of this section under the terms and conditions prescribed in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection. Such taxpayer, referred to as the assignor for the purpose of this subsection, may sell, assign, exchange or otherwise transfer earned tax credits:
- 262 (1) For no less than seventy-five percent of the par value of such credits; 263 and
 - (2) In an amount not to exceed one hundred percent of such earned credits. The taxpayer acquiring the earned credits referred to as the assignee for the purpose of this subsection may use the acquired credits to offset up to one hundred percent of the tax liabilities otherwise imposed by chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.261, or chapter 148, or in the case of an insurance company exempt from the thirty percent employee requirement of section 135.230, against any obligation imposed pursuant to section 375.916. Unused credits in the hands of the assignee may be carried forward for up to five tax periods, provided all such credits shall be claimed within ten tax periods following the tax period in which commencement of commercial operations occurred at the new business facility. The assignor shall enter into a written agreement with the assignee establishing the terms and conditions of the agreement and shall perfect such transfer by notifying the director in writing within thirty calendar days following the effective date of the transfer and shall provide any information as may be required by the director to administer and carry out the provisions of this subsection. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the amount received by the assignor of such tax credit shall be taxable as income of the assignor, and the difference between the amount paid by the assignee and the par value of the credits shall be taxable as income of the assignee.] No tax credits allowed in subsection 9 of this section shall be transferred, sold, or assigned.

135.309. [The wood energy producer may elect to assign to a third party the approved tax credit. Certification of assignment and other appropriate forms must be filed with the Missouri department of revenue.] Tax credits authorized under sections 135.300 to 135.311 shall not be transferred, sold, or assigned.

135.363. [1. All or any portion of] Tax credits issued in accordance with

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- 2. Beginning January 1, 1995, for qualified projects which began on or after January 1, 1994, an owner or transferee desiring to make a transfer, sale or assignment as described in subsection 1 of this section shall submit to the director of the department of revenue a statement which describes the amount of credit for which such transfer, sale or assignment of credit is eligible. The owner
- 10 shall provide to the director of revenue appropriate information so that the
- 11 low-income housing tax credit can be properly allocated.
- 3. In the event that recapture of Missouri low-income housing tax credits is required pursuant to subsection 2 of section 135.355, any statement submitted to the director of the department of revenue as provided in this section shall include the proportion of the state credit required to be recaptured, the identity of each transferee subject to recapture and the amount of credit previously transferred to such transferee.
- 4. The director of the department of revenue may prescribe rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the provisions of this section].
- 135.403. 1. Any investor who makes a qualified investment in a Missouri small business shall be entitled to receive a tax credit equal to forty percent of the amount of the investment or, in the case of a qualified investment in a Missouri small business in a distressed community as defined by section 135.530, a credit equal to sixty percent of the amount of the investment, and any investor 5 who makes a qualified investment in a community bank or a community development corporation shall be entitled to receive a tax credit equal to fifty percent of the amount of the investment if the investment is made in a community bank or community development corporation for direct investment. The total amount of tax credits available for qualified investments 10 in Missouri small businesses shall not exceed thirteen million dollars and at least 12 four million dollars of the amount authorized by this section and certified by the department of economic development shall be for investment in Missouri small 13 businesses in distressed communities. Authorization for all or any part of this 14 15 four-million-dollar amount shall in no way restrict the eligibility of Missouri 16 small businesses in distressed communities, as defined in section 135.530, for the

remaining amounts authorized within this section. No more than twenty percent

of the tax credits available each year for investments in community banks or

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community development corporations for direct investment shall be certified for 19 any one project, as defined in section 135.400. The tax credit shall be evidenced 20 by a tax credit certificate in accordance with the provisions of sections 135.400 21 22 to 135.430 and may be used to satisfy the state tax liability of the owner of the 23 certificate that becomes due in the tax year in which the qualified investment is made, or in any of the ten tax years thereafter. When the qualified small 24business is in a distressed community, as defined in section 135.530, the tax 25 26 credit may also be used to satisfy the state tax liability of the owner of the 27 certificate that was due during each of the previous three years in addition to the 28 year in which the investment is made and any of the ten years thereafter. No 29 investor may receive a tax credit pursuant to sections 135.400 to 135.430 unless 30 that person presents a tax credit certificate to the department of revenue for 31 payment of such state tax liability. The department of revenue shall grant tax 32 credits in the same order as established by subsection 1 of section 33 32.115. [Subject to the provisions of sections 135.400 to 135.430, certificates of tax credit issued in accordance with these sections may be transferred, sold or 34 35 assigned by notarized endorsement thereof which names the transferee.] No tax credits issued under this section shall be transferred, sold, or assigned. 36

- 2. Five hundred thousand dollars in tax credits shall be available annually from the total amount of tax credits authorized by section 32.110 and subdivision (4) of subsection 2 of section 32.115 as a result of investments in community banks or community development corporations. Aggregate investments eligible for tax credits in any one Missouri small business shall not be more than one million dollars. Aggregate investments eligible for tax credits in any one Missouri small business shall not be less than five thousand dollars as of the date of issuance of the first tax credit certificate for investment in that business.
- 46 3. This section and section 620.1039 shall become effective January 1, 47 2001.

135.484. 1. Beginning January 1, 2000, tax credits shall be allowed pursuant to section 135.481 in an amount not to exceed sixteen million dollars per year. Of this total amount of tax credits in any given year, eight million dollars shall be set aside for projects in areas described in subdivision (6) of section 135.478 and eight million dollars for projects in areas described in subdivision (10) of section 135.478. The maximum tax credit for a project consisting of multiple-unit qualifying residences in a distressed community shall

8 not exceed three million dollars.

- 9 2. Any amount of credit which exceeds the tax liability of a taxpayer for the tax year in which the credit is first claimed may be carried back to any of the 10 taxpayer's three prior tax years and carried forward to any of the taxpayer's five 11 12 subsequent tax years. A certificate of tax credit issued to a taxpayer by the department [may] shall not be assigned, transferred, sold, or otherwise 13 conveyed. [Whenever a certificate of tax credit is assigned, transferred, sold or 14 otherwise conveyed, a notarized endorsement shall be filed with the department 15 specifying the name and address of the new owner of the tax credit and the value 16 17 of the credit.]
- 18 3. The tax credits allowed pursuant to sections 135.475 to 135.487 may 19 not be claimed in addition to any other state tax credits, with the exception of the 20 historic structures rehabilitation tax credit authorized pursuant to sections 253.545 to 253.559, which insofar as sections 135.475 to 135.487 are concerned 2122may be claimed only in conjunction with the tax credit allowed pursuant to subsection 4 of section 135.481. In order for a taxpayer eligible for the historic 23 24 structures rehabilitation tax credit to claim the tax credit allowed pursuant to subsection 4 of section 135.481, the taxpayer must comply with the requirements 25 26 of sections 253.545 to 253.559, and in such cases, the amount of the tax credit 27pursuant to subsection 4 of section 135.481 shall be limited to the lesser of twenty 28 percent of the taxpayer's eligible costs or forty thousand dollars.

135.535. 1. A corporation, limited liability corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship, which moves its operations from outside Missouri or outside a distressed community into a distressed community, or which commences 4 operations in a distressed community on or after January 1, 1999, and in either case has more than seventy-five percent of its employees at the facility in the distressed community, and which has fewer than one hundred employees for whom payroll taxes are paid, and which is a manufacturing, biomedical, medical 7 devices, scientific research, animal research, computer software design or development, computer programming, including internet, web hosting, and other information technology, wireless or wired or other telecommunications or a 10 professional firm shall receive a forty percent credit against income taxes owed 11 12 pursuant to chapter 143, 147, or 148, other than taxes withheld pursuant to 13 sections 143.191 to 143.265, for each of the three years after such move, if 14 approved by the department of economic development, which shall issue a 15 certificate of eligibility if the department determines that the taxpayer is eligible

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for such credit. The maximum amount of credits per taxpayer set forth in this 16 subsection shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for each of 18 the three years for which the credit is claimed. The department of economic development, by means of rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to the 19 20 provisions of chapter 536, shall assign appropriate North American Industry Classification System numbers to the companies which are eligible for the tax 2122 credits provided for in this section. Such three-year credits shall be awarded only 23 one time to any company which moves its operations from outside of Missouri or 24 outside of a distressed community into a distressed community or to a company 25 which commences operations within a distressed community. A taxpayer shall 26 file an application for certification of the tax credits for the first year in which 27 credits are claimed and for each of the two succeeding taxable years for which 28 credits are claimed.

- 2. Employees of such facilities physically working and earning wages for that work within a distressed community whose employers have been approved for tax credits pursuant to subsection 1 of this section by the department of economic development for whom payroll taxes are paid shall also be eligible to receive a tax credit against individual income tax, imposed pursuant to chapter 143, equal to one and one-half percent of their gross salary paid at such facility earned for each of the three years that the facility receives the tax credit provided by this section, so long as they were qualified employees of such entity. The employer shall calculate the amount of such credit and shall report the amount to the employee and the department of revenue.
- 39 3. A tax credit against income taxes owed pursuant to chapter 143, 147, or 148, other than the taxes withheld pursuant to sections 143.191 to 143.265, in 40 lieu of the credit against income taxes as provided in subsection 1 of this section, 41 may be taken by such an entity in a distressed community in an amount of forty 42 percent of the amount of funds expended for computer equipment and its 43 maintenance, medical laboratories and equipment, research laboratory 44 equipment, manufacturing equipment, fiber optic equipment, high speed 45 telecommunications, wiring, or software development expense up to a maximum 46 of seventy-five thousand dollars in tax credits for such equipment or expense per 47 48 year per entity and for each of three years after commencement in or moving 49 operations into a distressed community.
 - 4. A corporation, partnership, or sole partnership, which has no more than one hundred employees for whom payroll taxes are paid, which is already located

in a distressed community and which expends funds for such equipment pursuant to subsection 3 of this section in an amount exceeding its average of the prior two years for such equipment, shall be eligible to receive a tax credit against income taxes owed pursuant to chapters 143, 147, and 148 in an amount equal to the lesser of seventy-five thousand dollars or twenty-five percent of the funds expended for such additional equipment per such entity. Tax credits allowed pursuant to this subsection or subsection 1 of this section may be carried back to any of the three prior tax years and carried forward to any of the next five tax years.

- 5. An existing corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship that is located within a distressed community and that relocates employees from another facility outside of the distressed community to its facility within the distressed community, and an existing business located within a distressed community that hires new employees for that facility may both be eligible for the tax credits allowed by subsections 1 and 3 of this section. To be eligible for such tax credits, such a business, during one of its tax years, shall employ within a distressed community at least twice as many employees as were employed at the beginning of that tax year. A business hiring employees shall have no more than one hundred employees before the addition of the new employees. This subsection shall only apply to a business which is a manufacturing, biomedical, medical devices, scientific research, animal research, computer software design or development, computer programming or telecommunications business, or a professional firm.
- 6. Tax credits shall be approved for applicants meeting the requirements of this section in the order that such applications are received. Certificates of tax credits issued in accordance with this section [may] shall not be transferred, sold, or assigned [by notarized endorsement which names the transferree].
- 7. The tax credits allowed pursuant to subsections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this section shall be for an amount of no more than ten million dollars for each year beginning in 1999. The total maximum credit for all entities already located in distressed communities and claiming credits pursuant to subsection 4 of this section shall be seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The department of economic development in approving taxpayers for the credit as provided for in subsection 6 of this section shall use information provided by the department of revenue regarding taxes paid in the previous year, or projected taxes for those entities newly established in the state, as the method of determining when this

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88 maximum will be reached and shall maintain a record of the order of 89 approval. Any tax credit not used in the period for which the credit was approved 90 may be carried over until the full credit has been allowed.

- 8. A Missouri employer relocating into a distressed community and having employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement at the facility from which it is relocating shall not be eligible for the credits in subsection 1, 3, 4, or 5 of this section, and its employees shall not be eligible for the credit in subsection 2 of this section if the relocation violates or terminates a collective bargaining agreement covering employees at the facility, unless the affected collective bargaining unit concurs with the move.
- 9. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no taxpayer shall earn the tax credits allowed in this section and the tax credits otherwise allowed in section 135.110, or the tax credits, exemptions, and refund otherwise allowed in sections 135.200, 135.220, 135.225 and 135.245, respectively, for the same business for the same tax period.

135.700. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1999, a grape grower or wine producer shall be allowed a tax credit against the state tax liability incurred pursuant to chapter 143, exclusive of the provisions relating to the withholding of tax as provided in sections 143.191 to 143.265, in an amount equal to twenty-five percent of the purchase price of all new equipment and materials used directly in the growing of grapes or the production of wine in the state. Each grower or producer shall apply to the department of economic development and specify the total amount of such new equipment and materials purchased during the calendar year. The department of economic development 10 shall certify to the department of revenue the amount of such tax credit to which a grape grower or wine producer is entitled pursuant to this section. The 11 provisions of this section notwithstanding, a grower or producer may only apply 12 for and receive the credit authorized by this section for five tax periods. Tax 13 credits issued under this section shall not be transferred, sold, or 14 15 assigned.

135.766. An eligible small business, as defined in Section 44 of the Internal Revenue Code, shall be allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due pursuant to chapter 143, not including sections 143.191 to 143.265, in an amount equal to any amount paid by the eligible small business to the United States Small Business Administration as a guaranty fee pursuant to obtaining Small Business Administration guaranteed financing and to programs administered by

- 7 the United States Department of Agriculture for rural development or farm
- 8 service agencies. No tax credits provided under this section shall be authorized
- 9 on or after the thirtieth day following the effective date of this act. The
- 10 provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit or in any way impair
- 11 the department's ability to issue tax credits authorized prior to the thirtieth day
- 12 following the effective date of this act, or a taxpayer's ability to redeem such tax
- 13 credits. No tax credit issued under this section shall be transferred,

14 sold, or assigned.

- 135.967. 1. A taxpayer who establishes a new business facility may, upon
- 2 approval by the department, be allowed a credit, each tax year for up to ten tax
- 3 years, in an amount determined as set forth in this section, against the tax
- 4 imposed by chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191
- 5 to 143.265. No taxpayer shall receive multiple ten-year periods for subsequent
- 6 expansions at the same facility.
- 7 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any taxpayer who
- 8 establishes a new business facility in an enhanced enterprise zone and is awarded
- 9 state tax credits under this section may not also receive tax credits under sections
- 10 135.100 to 135.150, sections 135.200 to 135.286, or section 135.535, and may not
- 11 simultaneously receive tax credits under sections 620.1875 to 620.1890 at the
- 12 same facility.
- 13 3. No credit shall be issued pursuant to this section unless:
- 14 (1) The number of new business facility employees engaged or maintained
- 15 in employment at the new business facility for the taxable year for which the
- 16 credit is claimed equals or exceeds two; and
- 17 (2) The new business facility investment for the taxable year for which the
- 18 credit is claimed equals or exceeds one hundred thousand dollars.
- 19 4. The annual amount of credits allowed for an approved enhanced
- 20 business enterprise shall be the lesser of:
- 21 (1) The annual amount authorized by the department for the enhanced
- 22 business enterprise, which shall be limited to the projected state economic
- 23 benefit, as determined by the department; or
- 24 (2) The sum calculated based upon the following:
- 25 (a) A credit of four hundred dollars for each new business facility
- 26 employee employed within an enhanced enterprise zone;
- 27 (b) An additional credit of four hundred dollars for each new business
- 28 facility employee who is a resident of an enhanced enterprise zone;

- (c) An additional credit of four hundred dollars for each new business facility employee who is paid by the enhanced business enterprise a wage that exceeds the average wage paid within the county in which the facility is located, as determined by the department; and
- 33 (d) A credit equal to two percent of new business facility investment 34 within an enhanced enterprise zone.
 - 5. Prior to January 1, 2007, in no event shall the department authorize more than four million dollars annually to be issued for all enhanced business enterprises. After December 31, 2006, in no event shall the department authorize more than twenty-four million dollars annually to be issued for all enhanced business enterprises.
 - 6. If a facility, which does not constitute a new business facility, is expanded by the taxpayer, the expansion shall be considered eligible for the credit allowed by this section if:
 - (1) The taxpayer's new business facility investment in the expansion during the tax period in which the credits allowed in this section are claimed exceeds one hundred thousand dollars and if the number of new business facility employees engaged or maintained in employment at the expansion facility for the taxable year for which credit is claimed equals or exceeds two, and the total number of employees at the facility after the expansion is at least two greater than the total number of employees before the expansion; and
 - (2) The taxpayer's investment in the expansion and in the original facility prior to expansion shall be determined in the manner provided in subdivision (19) of section 135.950.
 - 7. The number of new business facility employees during any taxable year shall be determined by dividing by twelve the sum of the number of individuals employed on the last business day of each month of such taxable year. If the new business facility is in operation for less than the entire taxable year, the number of new business facility employees shall be determined by dividing the sum of the number of individuals employed on the last business day of each full calendar month during the portion of such taxable year during which the new business facility was in operation by the number of full calendar months during such period. For the purpose of computing the credit allowed by this section in the case of a facility which qualifies as a new business facility under subsection 6 of this section, and in the case of a new business facility which satisfies the requirements of paragraph (c) of subdivision (17) of section 135.950, or

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65 subdivision (25) of section 135.950, the number of new business facility employees at such facility shall be reduced by the average number of individuals employed, 66 computed as provided in this subsection, at the facility during the taxable year 67 immediately preceding the taxable year in which such expansion, acquisition, or 68 69 replacement occurred and shall further be reduced by the number of individuals employed by the taxpayer or related taxpayer that was subsequently transferred 70 to the new business facility from another Missouri facility and for which credits 71 72 authorized in this section are not being earned, whether such credits are earned because of an expansion, acquisition, relocation, or the establishment of a new 73 74 facility.

- 8. In the case where a new business facility employee who is a resident of an enhanced enterprise zone for less than a twelve-month period is employed for less than a twelve-month period, the credits allowed by paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of subsection 4 of this section shall be determined by multiplying four hundred dollars by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of calendar days during the taxpayer's tax year for which such credits are claimed, in which the employee was a resident of an enhanced enterprise zone, and the denominator of which is three hundred sixty-five.
- 83 9. For the purpose of computing the credit allowed by this section in the case of a facility which qualifies as a new business facility pursuant to subsection 84 85 6 of this section, and in the case of a new business facility which satisfies the 86 requirements of paragraph (c) of subdivision (17) of section 135.950 or subdivision 87 (25) of section 135.950, the amount of the taxpayer's new business facility 88 investment in such facility shall be reduced by the average amount, computed as 89 provided in subdivision (19) of section 135.950 for new business facility investment, of the investment of the taxpayer, or related taxpayer immediately 90 preceding such expansion or replacement or at the time of 91 acquisition. Furthermore, the amount of the taxpayer's new business facility 92 investment shall also be reduced by the amount of investment employed by the 93 taxpayer or related taxpayer which was subsequently transferred to the new 94 business facility from another Missouri facility and for which credits authorized 95 in this section are not being earned, whether such credits are earned because of 96 97 an expansion, acquisition, relocation, or the establishment of a new facility.
 - 10. For a taxpayer with flow-through tax treatment to its members, partners, or shareholders, the credit shall be allowed to members, partners, or shareholders in proportion to their share of ownership on the last day of the

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- 102 11. Credits may not be carried forward but shall be claimed for the taxable year during which commencement of commercial operations occurs at such new business facility, and for each of the nine succeeding taxable years for which the credit is issued.
- 12. Certificates of tax credit authorized by this section [may] shall not
 be transferred, sold, or assigned [by filing a notarized endorsement thereof with
 the department that names the transferree, the amount of tax credit transferred,
 and the value received for the credit, as well as any other information reasonably
 requested by the department. The sale price cannot be less than seventy-five
 percent of the par value of such credits].
 - 13. The director of revenue shall issue a refund to the taxpayer to the extent that the amount of credits allowed in this section exceeds the amount of the taxpayer's income tax.
 - 14. Prior to the issuance of tax credits, the department shall verify through the department of revenue, or any other state department, that the tax credit applicant does not owe any delinquent income, sales, or use tax or interest or penalties on such taxes, or any delinquent fees or assessments levied by any state department and through the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration that the applicant does not owe any delinquent insurance taxes. Such delinquency shall not affect the authorization of the application for such tax credits, except that the amount of credits issued shall be reduced by the applicant's tax delinquency. If the department of revenue or the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration, or any other state department, concludes that a taxpayer is delinquent after June fifteenth but before July first of any year and the application of tax credits to such delinquency causes a tax deficiency on behalf of the taxpayer to arise, then the taxpayer shall be granted thirty days to satisfy the deficiency in which interest, penalties, and additions to tax shall be tolled. After applying all available credits toward a tax delinquency, the administering agency shall notify the appropriate department, and that department shall update the amount of outstanding delinquent tax owed by the applicant. If any credits remain after satisfying all insurance, income, sales, and use tax delinquencies, the remaining credits shall be issued to the applicant, subject to the restrictions of other provisions of law.

135.968. 1. A taxpayer who establishes a megaproject, approved by the

2 department, within an enhanced enterprise zone shall, in exchange for the

- 3 consideration provided by new tax revenues and other economic stimuli that will
- 4 be generated from the new jobs created by the megaproject, be allowed an income
- 5 tax credit equal to the percentage of actual new annual payroll of the taxpayer
- 3 attributable to employees directly related to the manufacturing and assembly
- 7 process and administration, as provided under subsection 4 of this section. A
- 8 taxpayer seeking approval of a megaproject shall submit an application to the
- 9 department. The department shall not approve any megaproject after December
- 10 31, 2008. The department shall not approve any credits for megaprojects to be
- 11 issued prior to January 1, 2013, and in no event shall the department authorize
- 12 more than forty million dollars to be issued annually for all megaprojects. The
- 13 total amount of credits issued under this section shall not exceed two hundred
- 14 forty million dollars.
- 2. In considering applications for approval of megaprojects, the department may approve an application if:
- 17 (1) The taxpayer's project is financially sound and the taxpayer has
- 18 adequately demonstrated an ability to successfully undertake and complete the
- 19 megaproject. This determination shall be supported by a professional third-party
- 20 market feasibility analysis conducted on behalf of the state by a firm with direct
- 21 experience with the industry of the proposed megaproject, and by a professional
- 22 third-party financial analysis of the taxpayer's ability to complete the project;
- 23 (2) The taxpayer's plan of repayment to the state of the amount of tax
- 24 credits provided is reasonable and sound;
- 25 (3) The taxpayer's megaproject will create new jobs that were not jobs
- 26 previously performed by employees of the taxpayer or a related taxpayer in
- 27 Missouri;
- 28 (4) Local taxing entities are providing a significant level of incentives for
- 29 the megaproject relative to the projected new local tax revenues created by the
- 30 megaproject;
- 31 (5) There is at least one other state or foreign country that the taxpayer
- 32 verifies is being considered for the project, and receiving megaproject tax credits
- 33 is a major factor in the taxpayer's decision to go forward with the project and not
- 34 receiving the credit will result in the taxpayer not creating new jobs in Missouri;
- 35 (6) The megaproject will be located in an enhanced enterprise zone which
- 36 constitutes an economic or social liability and a detriment to the public health,
- 37 safety, morals, or welfare in its present condition and use;

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38 (7) The completion of the megaproject will serve an essential public 39 municipal purpose by creating a substantial number of new jobs for citizens, increasing their purchasing power, improving their living conditions, and 40 relieving the demand for unemployment and welfare assistance thereby promoting 41 42 the economic development of the enhanced enterprise zone, the municipality, and the state; and 43

- (8) The creation of new jobs will assist the state in providing the services needed to protect the health, safety, and social and economic well-being of the citizens of the state.
- 47 3. Prior to final approval of an application, a binding contract shall be 48 executed between the taxpayer and the department of economic development 49 which shall include, but not be limited to:
 - (1) A repayment plan providing for cash payment to the state general revenue fund which shall result in a positive internal rate of return to the state and fully comply with the provisions of the World Trade Organization Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures. The rate of return shall be commercially reasonable and, over the life of the project, exceed one hundred and fifty percent of the state's borrowing costs based on the AAA-rated twenty-year tax-exempt bond rate average over a twenty-year borrowing period. The rate shall be verified by a professional third-party financial analysis;
 - (2) The taxpayer's obligation to construct a facility of at least one million square feet within five years from the date of approval;
 - (3) A requirement that the issuance of tax credits authorized under this section shall cease and the taxpayer shall immediately submit payment, to the state general revenue fund, in an amount equal to all credits previously issued less any amounts previously repaid, increased by an additional amount that shall provide the state a reasonable rate of return, in the event the taxpayer:
- 65 (a) Fails to construct a facility of at least one million square feet within five years of the date of approval; 66
- 67 (b) Fails to make a scheduled payment as required by the repayment plan; 68 or
 - (c) Fails to compensate new jobs at rate equal to or in excess of the county average wage or fails to offer health insurance to all such new jobs and pay at least eighty percent of such premiums; and
- (4) A requirement that the department shall suspend issuance of tax 73 credits authorized under this section if, at any point, the total amount of tax

74 credits issued less the total amount of repayments received equals one hundred 75 and fifty-five million dollars.

- 4. Upon approval of an application by the department, tax credits shall be issued annually for a period not to exceed eight years from the commencement of commercial operations of the megaproject. The eight-year period for the issuance of megaproject tax credits may extend beyond the expiration of the enhanced enterprise zone. The maximum percentage of the annual payroll of the taxpayer for new jobs located at the megaproject which may be approved or issued by the department for tax credits shall not exceed:
- 83 (1) Eighty percent for the first three years that tax credits will be issued 84 for the megaproject;
 - (2) Sixty percent for the next two subsequent years;
 - (3) Fifty percent for the next two subsequent years; and
- 87 (4) Thirty percent for the remaining year.

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- In no event shall the department issue more than forty million dollars annually in megaproject tax credits to any taxpayer. In any given year, the amount of tax credits issued shall be the lesser of forty million dollars, the applicable annual payroll percentage, or the amount of tax credits remaining unissued under the two hundred forty million dollar limitation on megaproject tax credit issuance provided under subsection 1 of this section.
- 94 5. Tax credits issued under this section may be claimed against the tax 95 imposed by chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265. For taxpayers with flow-through tax treatment of its members, 96 97 partners, or shareholders, the credit shall be allowed to members, partners, or 98 shareholders in proportion to their share of ownership on the last day of the taxpayer's tax period. The director of revenue shall issue a refund to a taxpayer 99 to the extent the amount of credits allowed in this section exceeds the amount of 100 the taxpayer's income tax liability in the year redemption is authorized. An 101 owner of tax credits issued under this section shall not be required to have any 102 103 Missouri income tax liability in order to redeem such tax credits and receive a refund. The director of revenue shall prepare a form to permit the owner of such 104 105 tax credits to obtain a refund.
 - 6. Certificates of tax credits authorized under this section [may] shall not be transferred, sold, or assigned [by filing a notarized endorsement thereof with the department that names the transferree, the amount of tax credit transferred, and the value received for the credit, as well as any other

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information reasonably requested by the department. Upon such transfer, sale, or assignment, the transferee shall be the owner of such tax credits entitled to claim the tax credits or any refunds with respect thereto issued to the taxpayer. Tax credits may not be carried forward past the year of issuance. Tax credits authorized by this section may not be pledged or used to secure any bonds or other indebtedness issued by the state or any political subdivision of the state. [Once such tax credits have been issued, nothing shall prohibit the owner of the tax credits from pledging the tax credits to any lender or other third party.]

- 7. Any taxpayer issued tax credits under this section shall provide an annual report to the department and the house and senate appropriations committees of the number of new jobs located at the megaproject, the new annual payroll of such new jobs, and such other information as may be required by the department to document the basis for benefits under this section. The department may withhold the approval of the annual issuance of any tax credits until it is satisfied that proper documentation has been provided, and shall reduce the tax credits to reflect any reduction in new payroll. If the department determines the average wage is below the county average wage, or the taxpayer has not maintained employee health insurance as required, the taxpayer shall not receive tax credits for that year.
- 8. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any taxpayer who is awarded tax credits under this section shall not also receive tax credits under sections 135.100 to 135.150, sections 135.200 to 135.286, section 135.535, or sections 620.1875 to 620.1890.
- 9. Any action brought in any court contesting the approval of a megaproject and the issuance of the tax credits, or any other action undertaken pursuant to this section related to such megaproject, shall be filed within ninety days following approval of the megaproject by the department.
- 137 10. Records and documents relating to a proposed megaproject shall be 138 deemed closed records until such time as the application has been 139 approved. Provisions of this subsection to the contrary notwithstanding, records 140 containing business plan information which may endanger the competitiveness 141 of the business shall remain closed.
- 11. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, no 143 taxpayer who receives megaproject tax credits authorized under this section or 144 any related taxpayer shall employ, prior to January 1, 2022, directly:
 - (1) Any elected public official of this state holding office as of January 1,

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147 (2) Any director, deputy director, division director, or employee directly
148 involved in negotiations between the department of economic development and
149 a taxpayer relative to the megaproject who was employed as of January 1, 2008,
150 by the department.

253.557. [1.] If the amount of such credit exceeds the total tax liability for the year in which the rehabilitated property is placed in service, the amount that exceeds the state tax liability may be carried back to any of the three preceding years and carried forward for credit against the taxes imposed pursuant to chapter 143 and chapter 148, except for sections 143.191 to 143.265 for the 5 succeeding ten years, or until the full credit is used, whichever occurs first. Not-for-profit entities, including but not limited to corporations organized as not-for-profit corporations pursuant to chapter 355 shall be ineligible for the tax credits authorized under sections 253.545 through 253.561. Taxpayers 10 eligible for such tax credits [may] shall not transfer, sell, or assign the credits. Credits granted to a partnership, a limited liability company taxed as a 11 12 partnership or multiple owners of property shall be passed through to the partners, members, or owners respectively pro rata or pursuant to an executed 13 14 agreement among the partners, members, or owners documenting an alternate distribution method. 15

16 [2. The assignee of the tax credits, hereinafter the assignee for purposes of this subsection, may use acquired credits to offset up to one hundred percent 17 18 of the tax liabilities otherwise imposed pursuant to chapter 143 and chapter 148, except for sections 143.191 to 143.265. The assignor shall perfect such transfer 19 by notifying the department of economic development in writing within thirty 20 calendar days following the effective date of the transfer and shall provide any 21 22 information as may be required by the department of economic development to administer and carry out the provisions of this section.] 23

348.302. 1. Any person who makes a qualified contribution to a qualified fund shall be entitled to receive a tax credit equal to fifty percent of the amount of the qualified contribution. The tax credit shall be evidenced by a tax credit certificate in accordance with the provisions of sections 348.300 to 348.318 and may be used to satisfy the state tax liability of the owner of such certificate that becomes due in the tax year in which the qualified contribution is made, or in any of the ten tax years thereafter. No person may receive a tax credit pursuant to sections 348.300 to 348.318 unless that person presents a tax credit certificate to

- 9 the department of revenue for payment of such state tax liability.
- 10 2. The amount of such qualified contributions which can be made is
- 11 limited so that the aggregate of all tax credits authorized under the provisions of
- 12 sections 348.300 to 348.318 shall not exceed nine million dollars. [All] Tax
- 13 credits authorized under the provisions of this section [may] shall not be
- 14 transferred, sold, or assigned.
 - 348.306. No person shall receive[, by issuance, transfer or assignment,]
 - 2 certificates of tax credit issued under the provisions of sections 348.300 to
- 3 348.318 in an amount in excess of one million dollars. [Subject to the provisions
- 4 of this section, certificates of tax credit issued in accordance with sections 348.300
- 5 to 348.318 may be transferred or assigned by notarized endorsement thereof
- 6 which names the transferee.]
- 447.708. 1. For eligible projects, the director of the department of
- 2 economic development, with notice to the directors of the departments of natural
- 3 resources and revenue, and subject to the other provisions of sections 447.700 to
- 4 447.718, may not create a new enterprise zone but may decide that a prospective
- 5 operator of a facility being remedied and renovated pursuant to sections 447.700
- 6 to 447.718 may receive the tax credits and exemptions pursuant to sections
- 7 135.100 to 135.150 and sections 135.200 to 135.257. The tax credits allowed
- 8 pursuant to this subsection shall be used to offset the tax imposed by chapter
- 9 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, or the tax
- 10 otherwise imposed by chapter 147, or the tax otherwise imposed by chapter
- 11 148. For purposes of this subsection:
- 12 (1) For receipt of the ad valorem tax abatement pursuant to section
- 13 135.215, the eligible project must create at least ten new jobs or retain businesses
- 14 which supply at least twenty-five existing jobs. The city, or county if the eligible
- 15 project is not located in a city, must provide ad valorem tax abatement of at least
- 16 fifty percent for a period not less than ten years and not more than twenty-five
- 17 years;
- 18 (2) For receipt of the income tax exemption pursuant to section 135.220
- 19 and tax credit for new or expanded business facilities pursuant to sections
- 20 135.100 to 135.150, and 135.225, the eligible project must create at least ten new
- 21 jobs or retain businesses which supply at least twenty-five existing jobs, or
- 22 combination thereof. For purposes of sections 447.700 to 447.718, the tax credits
- 23 described in section 135.225 are modified as follows: the tax credit shall be four
- 24 hundred dollars per employee per year, an additional four hundred dollars per

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25 year for each employee exceeding the minimum employment thresholds of ten and 26 twenty-five jobs for new and existing businesses, respectively, an additional four hundred dollars per year for each person who is a person difficult to employ as 27 defined by section 135.240, and investment tax credits at the same amounts and 28 29 levels as provided in subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of section 135.225;

- (3) For eligibility to receive the income tax refund pursuant to section 135.245, the eligible project must create at least ten new jobs or retain businesses which supply at least twenty-five existing jobs, or combination thereof, and otherwise comply with the provisions of section 135.245 for application and use of the refund and the eligibility requirements of this section;
- (4) The eligible project operates in compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations, including permitting and registration requirements, of this state as well as the federal and local requirements;
- (5) The eligible project operator shall file such reports as may be required by the director of economic development or the director's designee;
- 40 (6) The taxpayer may claim the state tax credits authorized by this subsection and the state income exemption for a period not in excess of ten consecutive tax years. For the purpose of this section, "taxpayer" means an 4243 individual proprietorship, partnership, or corporation described in section 143.441 or 143.471 who operates an eligible project. The director shall determine the 45 number of years the taxpayer may claim the state tax credits and the state income exemption based on the projected net state economic benefits attributed 46 47 to the eligible project;
- 48 (7) For the purpose of meeting the new job requirement prescribed in 49 subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of this subsection, it shall be required that at least ten new jobs be created and maintained during the taxpayer's tax period for 50 which the credits are earned, in the case of an eligible project that does not 51 replace a similar facility in Missouri. "New job" means a person who was not 52 previously employed by the taxpayer or related taxpayer within the twelve-month 53 period immediately preceding the time the person was employed by that taxpayer 54 to work at, or in connection with, the eligible project on a full-time 55 basis. "Full-time basis" means the employee works an average of at least 56 57 thirty-five hours per week during the taxpayer's tax period for which the tax 58 credits are earned. For the purposes of this section, "related taxpayer" has the 59 same meaning as defined in subdivision (10) of section 135.100;
 - (8) For the purpose of meeting the existing job retention requirement, if

the eligible project replaces a similar facility that closed elsewhere in Missouri prior to the end of the taxpayer's tax period in which the tax credits are earned, it shall be required that at least twenty-five existing jobs be retained at, and in connection with the eligible project, on a full-time basis during the taxpayer's tax period for which the credits are earned. "Retained job" means a person who was previously employed by the taxpayer or related taxpayer, at a facility similar to the eligible project that closed elsewhere in Missouri prior to the end of the taxpayer's tax period in which the tax credits are earned, within the tax period immediately preceding the time the person was employed by the taxpayer to work at, or in connection with, the eligible project on a full-time basis. "Full-time basis" means the employee works an average of at least thirty-five hours per week during the taxpayer's tax period for which the tax credits are earned;

- (9) In the case where an eligible project replaces a similar facility that closed elsewhere in Missouri prior to the end of the taxpayer's tax period in which the tax credits are earned, the owner and operator of the eligible project shall provide the director with a written statement explaining the reason for discontinuing operations at the closed facility. The statement shall include a comparison of the activities performed at the closed facility prior to the date the facility ceased operating, to the activities performed at the eligible project, and a detailed account describing the need and rationale for relocating to the eligible project. If the director finds the relocation to the eligible project significantly impaired the economic stability of the area in which the closed facility was located, and that such move was detrimental to the overall economic development efforts of the state, the director may deny the taxpayer's request to claim tax benefits;
- of this section, the number of new jobs created and maintained, the number of existing jobs retained, and the value of new qualified investment used at the eligible project during any tax year shall be determined by dividing by twelve, in the case of jobs, the sum of the number of individuals employed at the eligible project, or in the case of new qualified investment, the value of new qualified investment used at the eligible project, on the last business day of each full calendar month of the tax year. If the eligible project is in operation for less than the entire tax year, the number of new jobs created and maintained, the number of existing jobs retained, and the value of new qualified investment created at the eligible project during any tax year shall be determined by dividing the sum of

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97 the number of individuals employed at the eligible project, or in the case of new 98 qualified investment, the value of new qualified investment used at the eligible project, on the last business day of each full calendar month during the portion 99 100 of the tax year during which the eligible project was in operation, by the number of full calendar months during such period;

- (11) For the purpose of this section, "new qualified investment" means new business facility investment as defined and as determined in subdivision (8) of section 135.100 which is used at and in connection with the eligible project. New qualified investment shall not include small tools, supplies and inventory. "Small tools" means tools that are portable and can be hand held.
- 2. The determination of the director of economic development pursuant to subsection 1 of this section shall not affect requirements for the prospective purchaser to obtain the approval of the granting of real property tax abatement by the municipal or county government where the eligible project is located.
- 3. (1) The director of the department of economic development, with the approval of the director of the department of natural resources, may, in addition to the tax credits allowed in subsection 1 of this section, grant a remediation tax credit to the applicant for up to one hundred percent of the costs of materials, supplies, equipment, labor, professional engineering, consulting and architectural fees, permitting fees and expenses, demolition, asbestos abatement, and direct utility charges for performing the voluntary remediation activities for the preexisting hazardous substance contamination and releases, including, but not limited to, the costs of performing operation and maintenance of the remediation equipment at the property beyond the year in which the systems and equipment are built and installed at the eligible project and the costs of performing the voluntary remediation activities over a period not in excess of four tax years following the taxpayer's tax year in which the system and equipment were first put into use at the eligible project, provided the remediation activities are the subject of a plan submitted to, and approved by, the director of natural resources pursuant to sections 260.565 to 260.575. The tax credit may also include up to one hundred percent of the costs of demolition that are not directly part of the remediation activities, provided that the demolition is on the property where the voluntary remediation activities are occurring, the demolition is necessary to accomplish the planned use of the facility where the remediation activities are occurring, and the demolition is part of a redevelopment plan approved by the municipal or county government and the department of economic

development. The demolition may occur on an adjacent property if the project is located in a municipality which has a population less than twenty thousand and the above conditions are otherwise met. The adjacent property shall independently qualify as abandoned or underutilized. The amount of the credit available for demolition not associated with remediation cannot exceed the total amount of credits approved for remediation including demolition required for remediation.

- (2) The amount of remediation tax credits issued shall be limited to the least amount necessary to cause the project to occur, as determined by the director of the department of economic development.
- (3) The director may, with the approval of the director of natural resources, extend the tax credits allowed for performing voluntary remediation maintenance activities, in increments of three-year periods, not to exceed five consecutive three-year periods. The tax credits allowed in this subsection shall be used to offset the tax imposed by chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, or the tax otherwise imposed by chapter 147, or the tax otherwise imposed by chapter 148. The remediation tax credit may be taken in the same tax year in which the tax credits are received or may be taken over a period not to exceed twenty years.
 - (4) The project facility shall be projected to create at least ten new jobs or at least twenty-five retained jobs, or a combination thereof, as determined by the department of economic development, to be eligible for tax credits pursuant to this section.
 - (5) No more than seventy-five percent of earned remediation tax credits may be issued when the remediation costs were paid, and the remaining percentage may be issued when the department of natural resources issues a letter of completion letter or covenant not to sue following completion of the voluntary remediation activities. It shall not include any costs associated with ongoing operational environmental compliance of the facility or remediation costs arising out of spills, leaks, or other releases arising out of the ongoing business operations of the facility. In the event the department of natural resources issues a letter of completion for a portion of a property, an impacted media such as soil or groundwater, or for a site or a portion of a site improvement, a prorated amount of the remaining percentage may be released based on the percentage of the total site receiving a letter of completion.
 - 4. In the exercise of the sound discretion of the director of the department

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169 of economic development or the director's designee, the tax credits and 170 exemptions described in this section may be terminated, suspended, or revoked if the eligible project fails to continue to meet the conditions set forth in this 171 172 section. In making such a determination, the director shall consider the severity 173 of the condition violation, actions taken to correct the violation, the frequency of 174 any condition violations and whether the actions exhibit a pattern of conduct by 175 the eligible facility owner and operator. The director shall also consider changes 176 in general economic conditions and the recommendation of the director of the 177 department of natural resources, or his or her designee, concerning the severity, scope, nature, frequency and extent of any violations of the environmental 178 179 compliance conditions. The taxpayer or person claiming the tax credits or 180 exemptions may appeal the decision regarding termination, suspension, or 181 revocation of any tax credit or exemption in accordance with the procedures 182 outlined in subsections 4 and 5 of section 135.250. The director of the 183 department of economic development shall notify the directors of the departments 184 of natural resources and revenue of the termination, suspension, or revocation of 185 any tax credits as determined in this section or pursuant to the provisions of 186 section 447.716.

- 5. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no taxpayer shall earn the tax credits, exemptions, or refund otherwise allowed in subdivisions (2), (3) and (4) of subsection 1 of this section and the tax credits otherwise allowed in section 135.110, or the tax credits, exemptions and refund otherwise allowed in sections 135.215, 135.220, 135.225 and 135.245, respectively, for the same facility for the same tax period.
- 193 6. The total amount of the tax credits allowed in subsection 1 of this 194 section may not exceed the greater of:
- 195 (1) That portion of the taxpayer's income attributed to the eligible project; 196 or
- 197 (2) One hundred percent of the total business' income tax if the eligible 198 facility does not replace a similar facility that closed elsewhere in Missouri prior to the end of the taxpayer's tax period in which the tax credits are earned, and 199 200 further provided the taxpayer does not operate any other facilities besides the 201 eligible project in Missouri; fifty percent of the total business' income tax if the 202 eligible facility replaces a similar facility that closed elsewhere in Missouri prior 203 to the end of the taxpayer's tax period in which the credits are earned, and 204 further provided the taxpayer does not operate any other facilities besides the

eligible project in Missouri; or twenty-five percent of the total business income if the taxpayer operates, in addition to the eligible facility, any other facilities in Missouri. In no case shall a taxpayer operating more than one eligible project in Missouri be allowed to offset more than twenty-five percent of the taxpayer's business income in any tax period. That portion of the taxpayer's income attributed to the eligible project as referenced in subdivision (1) of this subsection, for which the credits allowed in sections 135.110 and 135.225 and subsection 3 of this section may apply, shall be determined in the same manner as prescribed in subdivision (5) of section 135.100. That portion of the taxpayer's franchise tax attributed to the eligible project for which the remediation tax credit may offset, shall be determined in the same manner as prescribed in paragraph (a) of subdivision (5) of section 135.100.

- 7. Taxpayers claiming the state tax benefits allowed in subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection 1 of this section shall be required to file all applicable tax credit applications, forms and schedules prescribed by the director during the taxpayer's tax period immediately after the tax period in which the eligible project was first put into use. Otherwise, the taxpayer's right to claim such state tax benefits shall be forfeited. Unused business facility and enterprise zone tax credits shall not be carried forward but shall be initially claimed for the tax period during which the eligible project was first capable of being used, and during any applicable subsequent tax periods.
- 8. Taxpayers claiming the remediation tax credit allowed in subsection 3 of this section shall be required to file all applicable tax credit applications, forms and schedules prescribed by the director during the taxpayer's tax period immediately after the tax period in which the eligible project was first put into use, or during the taxpayer's tax period immediately after the tax period in which the voluntary remediation activities were performed.
- 9. [The recipient of remediation tax credits, for the purpose of this subsection referred to as assignor, may assign, sell or transfer, in whole or in part, the remediation tax credit allowed in subsection 3 of this section to any other person, for the purpose of this subsection referred to as assignee. To perfect the transfer, the assignor shall provide written notice to the director of the assignor's intent to transfer the tax credits to the assignee, the date the transfer is effective, the assignee's name, address and the assignee's tax period and the amount of tax credits to be transferred. The number of tax periods during which the assignee may subsequently claim the tax credits shall not exceed twenty tax

periods, less the number of tax periods the assignor previously claimed the credits
 before the transfer occurred.

10. In the case where an operator and assignor of an eligible project has been certified to claim state tax benefits allowed in subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection 1 of this section, and sells or otherwise transfers title of the eligible project to another taxpayer or assignee who continues the same or substantially similar operations at the eligible project, the director shall allow the assignee to claim the credits for a period of time to be determined by the director; except that, the total number of tax periods the tax credits may be earned by the assignor and the assignee shall not exceed ten. To perfect the transfer, the assignor shall provide written notice to the director of the assignor's intent to transfer the tax credits to the assignee, the date the transfer is effective, the assignee's name, address, and the assignee's tax period, and the amount of tax credits to be transferred.

11.] No tax credit authorized under this section shall be transferred, sold, or assigned.

- 10. For the purpose of the state tax benefits described in this section, in the case of a corporation described in section 143.471 or partnership, in computing Missouri's tax liability, such state benefits shall be allowed to the following:
 - (1) The shareholders of the corporation described in section 143.471;
- 262 (2) The partners of the partnership.

The credit provided in this subsection shall be apportioned to the entities described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection in proportion to their share of ownership on the last day of the taxpayer's tax period.

[12.] 11. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in any county of the first classification that has a charter form of government and that has a population of over nine hundred thousand inhabitants, all demolition costs incurred during the redevelopment of any former automobile manufacturing plant shall be allowable costs eligible for tax credits under sections 447.700 to 447.718 so long as the redevelopment of such former automobile manufacturing plant shall be projected to create at least two hundred fifty new jobs or at least three hundred retained jobs, or a combination thereof, as determined by the department of economic development. The amount of allowable costs eligible for tax credits shall be limited to the least amount necessary to cause the project to occur, as determined by the director of the department of economic development, provided

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277 that no tax credit shall be issued under this subsection until July 1, 2017. For 278 purposes of this subsection, "former automobile manufacturing plant" means a redevelopment area that qualifies as an eligible project under section 447.700, 279 280 that consists of at least one hundred acres, and that was used primarily for the 281 manufacture of automobiles but, after 2007, ceased such manufacturing.

- 620.650. 1. The sole purpose of each qualified fund is to make investments. One hundred percent of investments made from qualified 3 contributions shall be qualified investments.
- 4 2. Any person who makes a qualified contribution to a qualified fund shall receive a tax credit against the tax otherwise due pursuant to chapter 143, chapter 147, or chapter 148, other than taxes withheld pursuant to sections 143.191 to 143.265, in an amount equal to one hundred percent of such person's 8 qualified contribution.
- 9 3. Such person shall submit to the department an application for the tax 10 credit on a form provided by the department. The department shall award tax credits in the order the applications are received and based upon the strategy 11 12 approved by the corporation. Tax credits issued pursuant to this section may be claimed for the tax year in which the qualified contribution is made or in any of 13 the following ten years, and [may] shall not be assigned, transferred, or sold.
- 15 4. There is hereby imposed on each qualified fund a tax equal to fifteen 16 percent of the qualified fund's uninvested capital at the close of such qualified 17 fund's tax year. For purposes of tax computation, any distribution made by a 18 qualified fund during a tax year is deemed made at the end of such tax 19 year. Each tax year, every qualified fund shall remit the tax imposed by this 20 section to the director of the department of revenue for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund. 21
 - 620.1039. 1. As used in this section, the term "taxpayer" means an individual, a partnership, or any charitable organization which is exempt from federal income tax and whose Missouri unrelated business taxable income, if any, would be subject to the state income tax imposed under chapter 143, or a corporation as described in section 143.441 or 143.471, or section 148.370, and the term "qualified research expenses" has the same meaning as prescribed in 26 U.S.C. 41. 7
- 8 2. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, the director of the 9 department of economic development may authorize a taxpayer to receive a tax credit against the tax otherwise due pursuant to chapter 143, or chapter 148,

other than the taxes withheld pursuant to sections 143.191 to 143.265, in an amount up to six and one-half percent of the excess of the taxpayer's qualified research expenses, as certified by the director of the department of economic development, within this state during the taxable year over the average of the taxpayer's qualified research expenses within this state over the immediately preceding three taxable years; except that, no tax credit shall be allowed on that portion of the taxpayer's qualified research expenses incurred within this state during the taxable year in which the credit is being claimed, to the extent such expenses exceed two hundred percent of the taxpayer's average qualified research expenses incurred during the immediately preceding three taxable years.

- 3. The director of economic development shall prescribe the manner in which the tax credit may be applied for. The tax credit authorized by this section may be claimed by the taxpayer to offset the tax liability imposed by chapter 143 or chapter 148 that becomes due in the tax year during which such qualified research expenses were incurred. Where the amount of the credit exceeds the tax liability, the difference between the credit and the tax liability may only be carried forward for the next five succeeding taxable years or until the full credit has been claimed, whichever first occurs. The application for tax credits authorized by the director pursuant to subsection 2 of this section shall be made no later than the end of the taxpayer's tax period immediately following the tax period for which the credits are being claimed.
- 4. Certificates of tax credit issued pursuant to this section [may] shall not be transferred, sold, or assigned [by filing a notarized endorsement thereof with the department which names the transferee and the amount of tax credit transferred. The director of economic development may allow a taxpayer to transfer, sell or assign up to forty percent of the amount of the certificates of tax credit issued to and not claimed by such taxpayer pursuant to this section during any tax year commencing on or after January 1, 1996, and ending not later than December 31, 1999. Such taxpayer shall file, by December 31, 2001, an application with the department which names the transferee, the amount of tax credit desired to be transferred, and a certification that the funds received by the applicant as a result of the transfer, sale or assignment of the tax credit shall be expended within three years at the state university for the sole purpose of conducting research activities agreed upon by the department, the taxpayer and the state university. Failure to expend such funds in the manner prescribed pursuant to this section shall cause the applicant to be subject to the provisions

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- 48 5. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of this 49 section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the 50 provisions of chapter 536. All rulemaking authority delegated prior to June 27, 1997, is of no force and effect and repealed; however, nothing in this section shall 51 be interpreted to repeal or affect the validity of any rule filed or adopted prior to 52June 27, 1997, if such rule complied with the provisions of chapter 536. The 53 54 provisions of this section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, including the 55 56 ability to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule or 57 portion of a rule, are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the purported 58 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule so proposed and contained in the 59 order of rulemaking shall be invalid and void.
- 6. The aggregate of all tax credits authorized pursuant to this section 61 shall not exceed nine million seven hundred thousand dollars in any year.
 - 7. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, no tax credits shall be approved, awarded, or issued to any person or entity claiming any tax credit under this section.

620.1881. 1. The department of economic development shall respond within thirty days to a company who provides a notice of intent with either an approval or a rejection of the notice of intent. The department shall give preference to qualified companies and projects targeted at an area of the state which has recently been classified as a disaster area by the federal 5 government. Failure to respond on behalf of the department of economic development shall result in the notice of intent being deemed an approval for the purposes of this section. A qualified company who is provided an approval for a project shall be allowed a benefit as provided in this program in the amount and duration provided in this section. A qualified company may receive additional 10 periods for subsequent new jobs at the same facility after the full initial period 11 12 if the minimum thresholds are met as set forth in sections 620.1875 to 620.1890. There is no limit on the number of periods a qualified company may 13 participate in the program, as long as the minimum thresholds are achieved and 14 15 the qualified company provides the department with the required reporting and is in proper compliance for this program or other state programs. A qualified 17company may elect to file a notice of intent to start a new project period 18 concurrent with an existing project period if the minimum thresholds are

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19 achieved and the qualified company provides the department with the required 20 reporting and is in proper compliance for this program and other state programs; however, the qualified company may not receive any further benefit under the 21 22 original approval for jobs created after the date of the new notice of intent, and 23 any jobs created before the new notice of intent may not be included as new jobs for the purpose of benefit calculation in relation to the new approval. When a 2425 qualified company has filed and received approval of a notice of intent and 26 subsequently files another notice of intent, the department shall apply the definition of project facility under subdivision (19) of section 620.1878 to the new 27 notice of intent as well as all previously approved notices of intent and shall 28 29 determine the application of the definitions of new job, new payroll, project 30 facility base employment, and project facility base payroll accordingly.

2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any qualified company that is awarded benefits under this program may not simultaneously receive tax credits or exemptions under sections 135.100 to 135.150, sections 135,200 to 135,286, section 135,535, or sections 135,900 to 135,906 at the same project facility. The benefits available to the company under any other state programs for which the company is eligible and which utilize withholding tax from the new jobs of the company must first be credited to the other state program before the withholding retention level applicable under the Missouri quality jobs act will begin to accrue. These other state programs include, but are not limited to, the Missouri works jobs training program under sections 620.800 to 620.809, the real property tax increment allocation redevelopment act, sections 99.800 to 99.865, or the Missouri downtown and rural economic stimulus act under sections 99.915 to 99.980. If any qualified company also participates in the Missouri works jobs training program in sections 620.800 to 620.809, the company shall retain no withholding tax, but the department shall issue a refundable tax credit for the full amount of benefit allowed under this subdivision. The calendar year annual maximum amount of tax credits which may be issued to a qualifying company that also participates in the new job training program shall be increased by an amount equivalent to the withholding tax retained by that company under the new jobs training program. However, if the combined benefits of the quality jobs program and the new jobs training program exceed the projected state benefit of the project, as determined by the department of economic development through a cost-benefit analysis, the increase in the maximum tax credits shall be limited to the amount that would not cause the combined benefits to exceed the

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55 projected state benefit. Any taxpayer who is awarded benefits under this 56 program who knowingly hires individuals who are not allowed to work legally in 57 the United States shall immediately forfeit such benefits and shall repay the 58 state an amount equal to any state tax credits already redeemed and any 59 withholding taxes already retained.

- 3. The types of projects and the amount of benefits to be provided are:
- (1) Small and expanding business projects: in exchange for the consideration provided by the new tax revenues and other economic stimuli that will be generated by the new jobs created by the program, a qualified company may retain an amount equal to the withholding tax as calculated under subdivision (33) of section 620.1878 from the new jobs that would otherwise be withheld and remitted by the qualified company under the provisions of sections 143.191 to 143.265 for a period of three years from the date the required number of new jobs were created if the average wage of the new payroll equals or exceeds the county average wage or for a period of five years from the date the required number of new jobs were created if the average wage of the new payroll equals or exceeds one hundred twenty percent of the county average wage;
- 72 (2) Technology business projects: in exchange for the consideration 73 provided by the new tax revenues and other economic stimuli that will be 74generated by the new jobs created by the program, a qualified company may 75 retain an amount equal to a maximum of five percent of new payroll for a period of five years from the date the required number of jobs were created from the 76 77 withholding tax of the new jobs that would otherwise be withheld and remitted 78 by the qualified company under the provisions of sections 143.191 to 143.265 if 79 the average wage of the new payroll equals or exceeds the county average wage. An additional one-half percent of new payroll may be added to the five percent 80 maximum if the average wage of the new payroll in any year exceeds one hundred 81 82 twenty percent of the county average wage in the county in which the project facility is located, plus an additional one-half percent of new payroll may be 83 added if the average wage of the new payroll in any year exceeds one hundred 84 forty percent of the average wage in the county in which the project facility is 85 located. The department shall issue a refundable tax credit for any difference 86 between the amount of benefit allowed under this subdivision and the amount of 88 withholding tax retained by the company, in the event the withholding tax is not 89 sufficient to provide the entire amount of benefit due to the qualified company under this subdivision; 90

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(3) High impact projects: in exchange for the consideration provided by the new tax revenues and other economic stimuli that will be generated by the new jobs created by the program, a qualified company may retain an amount from the withholding tax of the new jobs that would otherwise be withheld and remitted by the qualified company under the provisions of sections 143.191 to 143.265, equal to three percent of new payroll for a period of five years from the date the required number of jobs were created if the average wage of the new payroll equals or exceeds the county average wage of the county in which the project facility is located. For high-impact projects in a facility located within two adjacent counties, the new payroll shall equal or exceed the higher county average wage of the adjacent counties. The percentage of payroll allowed under this subdivision shall be three and one-half percent of new payroll if the average wage of the new payroll in any year exceeds one hundred twenty percent of the county average wage in the county in which the project facility is located. The percentage of payroll allowed under this subdivision shall be four percent of new payroll if the average wage of the new payroll in any year exceeds one hundred forty percent of the county average wage in the county in which the project facility is located. An additional one percent of new payroll may be added to these percentages if local incentives equal between ten percent and twenty-four percent of the new direct local revenue; an additional two percent of new payroll is added to these percentages if the local incentives equal between twenty-five percent and forty-nine percent of the new direct local revenue; or an additional three percent of payroll is added to these percentages if the local incentives equal fifty percent or more of the new direct local revenue. The department shall issue a refundable tax credit for any difference between the amount of benefit allowed under this subdivision and the amount of withholding tax retained by the company, in the event the withholding tax is not sufficient to provide the entire amount of benefit due to the qualified company under this subdivision;

- (4) Job retention projects: a qualified company may receive a tax credit for the retention of jobs in this state, provided the qualified company and the project meets all of the following conditions:
- (a) For each of the twenty-four months preceding the year in which application for the program is made the qualified company must have maintained at least one thousand full-time employees at the employer's site in the state at which the jobs are based, and the average wage of such employees must meet or exceed the county average wage;

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- 127 (b) The qualified company retained at the project facility the level of 128 full-time employees that existed in the taxable year immediately preceding the year in which application for the program is made; 129
 - (c) The qualified company is considered to have a significant statewide effect on the economy, and has been determined to represent a substantial risk of relocation from the state by the quality jobs advisory task force established in section 620.1887; provided, however, until such time as the initial at-large members of the quality jobs advisory task force are appointed, this determination shall be made by the director of the department of economic development;
- (d) The qualified company in the project facility will cause to be invested a minimum of seventy million dollars in new investment prior to the end of two 138 years or will cause to be invested a minimum of thirty million dollars in new 139 investment prior to the end of two years and maintain an annual payroll of at least seventy million dollars during each of the years for which a credit is 140 claimed; and
- 142 (e) The local taxing entities shall provide local incentives of at least fifty 143 percent of the new direct local revenues created by the project over a ten-year 144 period.

The quality jobs advisory task force may recommend to the department of economic development that appropriate penalties be applied to the company for violating the agreement. The amount of the job retention credit granted may be equal to up to fifty percent of the amount of withholding tax generated by the full-time jobs at the project facility for a period of five years. The calendar year annual maximum amount of tax credit that may be issued to any qualified company for a job retention project or combination of job retention projects shall be seven hundred fifty thousand dollars per year, but the maximum amount may be increased up to one million dollars if such action is proposed by the department and approved by the quality jobs advisory task force established in section 620.1887; provided, however, until such time as the initial at-large members of the quality jobs advisory task force are appointed, this determination shall be made by the director of the department of economic development. In considering such a request, the task force shall rely on economic modeling and other information supplied by the department when requesting the increased limit on behalf of the job retention project. In no event shall the total amount of all tax credits issued for the entire job retention program under this subdivision exceed three million dollars annually. Notwithstanding the above, no tax credits

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shall be issued for job retention projects approved by the department after August 30, 2013;

- (5) Small business job retention and flood survivor relief: a qualified company may receive a tax credit under sections 620.1875 to 620.1890 for the retention of jobs and flood survivor relief in this state for each job retained over a three-year period, provided that:
- 169 (a) The qualified company did not receive any state or federal benefits, 170 incentives, or tax relief or abatement in locating its facility in a flood plain;
 - (b) The qualified company and related companies have fewer than one hundred employees at the time application for the program is made;
 - (c) The average wage of the qualified company's and related companies' employees must meet or exceed the county average wage;
- 175 (d) All of the qualified company's and related companies' facilities are 176 located in this state;
 - (e) The facilities at the primary business site in this state have been directly damaged by floodwater rising above the level of a five hundred year flood at least two years, but fewer than eight years, prior to the time application is made:
- 181 (f) The qualified company made significant efforts to protect the facilities 182 prior to any impending danger from rising floodwaters;
 - (g) For each year it receives tax credits under sections 620.1875 to 620.1890, the qualified company and related companies retained, at the company's facilities in this state, at least the level of full-time, year-round employees that existed in the taxable year immediately preceding the year in which application for the program is made; and
- 188 (h) In the years it receives tax credits under sections 620.1875 to 189 620.1890, the company cumulatively invests at least two million dollars in capital 190 improvements in facilities and equipment located at such facilities that are not 191 located within a five hundred year flood plain as designated by the Federal 192 Emergency Management Agency, and amended from time to time. The amount of the small business job retention and flood survivor relief credit granted may 193 194 be equal to up to one hundred percent of the amount of withholding tax generated 195 by the full-time jobs at the project facility for a period of three years. The 196 calendar year annual maximum amount of tax credit that may be issued to any 197 qualified company for a small business job retention and survivor relief project 198 shall be two hundred fifty thousand dollars per year, but the maximum amount

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may be increased up to five hundred thousand dollars if such action is proposed by the department and approved by the quality jobs advisory task force established in section 620.1887. In considering such a request, the task force shall rely on economic modeling and other information supplied by the department when requesting an increase in the limit on behalf of the small business job retention and flood survivor relief project. In no event shall the total amount of all tax credits issued for the entire small business job retention and flood survivor relief program under this subdivision exceed five hundred thousand dollars annually. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision to the contrary, no tax credits shall be issued for small business job retention and flood survivor relief projects approved by the department after August 30, 2010.

- 4. The qualified company shall provide an annual report of the number of jobs and such other information as may be required by the department to document the basis for the benefits of this program. The department may withhold the approval of any benefits until it is satisfied that proper documentation has been provided, and shall reduce the benefits to reflect any reduction in full-time employees or new payroll. Upon approval by the department, the qualified company may begin the retention of the withholding taxes when it reaches the minimum number of new jobs and the average wage exceeds the county average wage. Tax credits, if any, may be issued upon satisfaction by the department that the qualified company has exceeded the county average wage and the minimum number of new jobs. In such annual report, if the average wage is below the county average wage, the qualified company has not maintained the employee insurance as required, or if the number of new jobs is below the minimum, the qualified company shall not receive tax credits or retain the withholding tax for the balance of the benefit period. In the case of a qualified company that initially filed a notice of intent and received an approval from the department for high-impact benefits and the minimum number of new jobs in an annual report is below the minimum for high-impact projects, the company shall not receive tax credits for the balance of the benefit period but may continue to retain the withholding taxes if it otherwise meets the requirements of a small and expanding business under this program.
- 5. The maximum calendar year annual tax credits issued for the entire program shall not exceed eighty million dollars. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the maximum annual tax credits authorized under section 135.535 are hereby reduced from ten million dollars to eight million dollars, with

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235 the balance of two million dollars transferred to this program. There shall be no 236 limit on the amount of withholding taxes that may be retained by approved 237 companies under this program.

- 6. The department shall allocate the annual tax credits based on the date of the approval, reserving such tax credits based on the department's best estimate of new jobs and new payroll of the project, and the other factors in the determination of benefits of this program. However, the annual issuance of tax credits is subject to the annual verification of the actual new payroll. The allocation of tax credits for the period assigned to a project shall expire if, within two years from the date of commencement of operations, or approval if applicable, the minimum thresholds have not been achieved. The qualified company may retain authorized amounts from the withholding tax under this section once the minimum new jobs thresholds are met for the duration of the project period. No benefits shall be provided under this program until the qualified company meets the minimum new jobs thresholds. In the event the qualified company does not meet the minimum new job threshold, the qualified company may submit a new notice of intent or the department may provide a new approval for a new project of the qualified company at the project facility or other facilities.
- 7. For a qualified company with flow-through tax treatment to its members, partners, or shareholders, the tax credit shall be allowed to members, partners, or shareholders in proportion to their share of ownership on the last day of the qualified company's tax period.
- 8. Tax credits may be claimed against taxes otherwise imposed by chapters 143 and 148, and may not be carried forward but shall be claimed within one year of the close of the taxable year for which they were issued, except as provided under subdivision (4) of subsection 3 of this section.
- 9. Tax credits authorized by this section [may] shall not be transferred, sold, or assigned [by filing a notarized endorsement thereof with the department that names the transferee, the amount of tax credit transferred, and the value received for the credit, as well as any other information reasonably requested by the department].
- 266 10. Prior to the issuance of tax credits, the department shall verify through the department of revenue, or any other state department, that the tax 268 credit applicant does not owe any delinquent income, sales, or use tax or interest or penalties on such taxes, or any delinquent fees or assessments levied by any state department and through the department of insurance, financial institutions

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271 and professional registration that the applicant does not owe any delinquent insurance taxes. Such delinquency shall not affect the authorization of the 272application for such tax credits, except that at issuance credits shall be first 273 274 applied to the delinquency and any amount issued shall be reduced by the 275applicant's tax delinquency. If the department of revenue or the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration, or any other state 276277 department, concludes that a taxpayer is delinquent after June fifteenth but 278 before July first of any year and the application of tax credits to such delinquency 279 causes a tax deficiency on behalf of the taxpayer to arise, then the taxpayer shall 280 be granted thirty days to satisfy the deficiency in which interest, penalties, and additions to tax shall be tolled. After applying all available credits toward a tax 281 282 delinquency, the administering agency shall notify the appropriate department 283 and that department shall update the amount of outstanding delinquent tax owed 284 by the applicant. If any credits remain after satisfying all insurance, income, 285 sales, and use tax delinquencies, the remaining credits shall be issued to the applicant, subject to the restrictions of other provisions of law. 286

- 11. Except as provided under subdivision (4) of subsection 3 of this section, the director of revenue shall issue a refund to the qualified company to the extent that the amount of credits allowed in this section exceeds the amount of the qualified company's income tax.
 - 12. An employee of a qualified company will receive full credit for the amount of tax withheld as provided in section 143.211.
 - 13. If any provision of sections 620.1875 to 620.1890 or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of these sections which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, the provisions of sections 620.1875 to 620.1890 are hereby declared severable.

620.2020. 1. The department shall respond to a written request, by or on behalf of a qualified company, for a proposed benefit award under the provisions of this program within five business days of receipt of such request. Such response shall contain either a proposal of benefits for the qualified company, or a written response refusing to provide such a proposal and stating the reasons for such refusal. A qualified company that intends to seek benefits under the program shall submit to the department a notice of intent. The department shall respond within thirty days to a notice of intent with an approval or a rejection, provided that the department may withhold approval or provide a contingent

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10 approval until it is satisfied that proper documentation of eligibility has been provided. Failure to respond on behalf of the department shall result in the 11 notice of intent being deemed approved. A qualified company receiving approval 12 for program benefits may receive additional benefits for subsequent new jobs at 13 the same facility after the full initial project period if the applicable minimum job 14 requirements are met. There shall be no limit on the number of project periods 15 a qualified company may participate in the program, and a qualified company 16 may elect to file a notice of intent to begin a new project period concurrent with 17 an existing project period if the applicable minimum job requirements are 18 achieved, the qualified company provides the department with the required 19 20 annual reporting, and the qualified company is in compliance with this program 21and any other state programs in which the qualified company is currently or has 22previously participated. However, the qualified company shall not receive any 23 further program benefits under the original approval for any new jobs created after the date of the new notice of intent, and any jobs created before the new 24notice of intent shall not be included as new jobs for purposes of the benefit 25 26 calculation for the new approval. When a qualified company has filed and 27 received approval of a notice of intent and subsequently files another notice of intent, the department shall apply the definition of project facility under 28 subdivision (18) of section 620.2005 to the new notice of intent as well as all 29 30 previously approved notices of intent and shall determine the application of the definitions of new job, new payroll, project facility base employment, and project 31 32 facility base payroll accordingly.

- 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the benefits available to the qualified company under any other state programs for which the company is eligible and which utilize withholding tax from the new or retained jobs of the company shall first be credited to the other state program before the withholding retention level applicable under this program will begin to accrue. If any qualified company also participates in a job training program utilizing withholding tax, the company shall retain no withholding tax under this program, but the department shall issue a refundable tax credit for the full amount of benefit allowed under this program. The calendar year annual maximum amount of tax credits which may be issued to a qualifying company that also participates in a job training program shall be increased by an amount equivalent to the withholding tax retained by that company under a jobs training program.
 - 3. A qualified company receiving benefits under this program shall

provide an annual report of the number of jobs and such other information as may be required by the department to document the basis for program benefits available no later than ninety days prior to the end of the qualified company's tax year immediately following the tax year for which the benefits provided under the program are attributed. In such annual report, if the average wage is below the applicable percentage of the county average wage, the qualified company has not maintained the employee insurance as required, or if the number of jobs is below the number required, the qualified company shall not receive tax credits or retain the withholding tax for the balance of the project period. Failure to timely file the annual report required under this section shall result in the forfeiture of tax credits attributable to the year for which the reporting was required and a recapture of withholding taxes retained by the qualified company during such year.

- 4. The department may withhold the approval of any benefits under this program until it is satisfied that proper documentation has been provided, and shall reduce the benefits to reflect any reduction in full-time employees or payroll. Upon approval by the department, the qualified company may begin the retention of the withholding taxes when it reaches the required number of jobs and the average wage meets or exceeds the applicable percentage of county average wage. Tax credits, if any, may be issued upon satisfaction by the department that the qualified company has exceeded the applicable percentage of county average wage and the required number of jobs.
- 5. Any qualified company approved for benefits under this program shall provide to the department, upon request, any and all information and records reasonably required to monitor compliance with program requirements. This program shall be considered a business recruitment tax credit under subdivision (4) of subsection 2 of section 135.800, and any qualified company approved for benefits under this program shall be subject to the provisions of sections 135.800 to 135.830.
- 6. Any taxpayer who is awarded benefits under this program who knowingly hires individuals who are not allowed to work legally in the United States shall immediately forfeit such benefits and shall repay the state an amount equal to any state tax credits already redeemed and any withholding taxes already retained.
- 7. The maximum amount of tax credits that may be authorized under this program for any fiscal year shall be limited as follows, less the amount of any tax

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82 credits previously obligated for that fiscal year under any of the tax credit 83 programs referenced in subsection 13 of this section:

- 84 (1) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2013, but ending on or before 85 June 30, 2014, no more than one hundred six million dollars in tax credits may 86 be authorized;
- 87 (2) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2014, but ending on or before 88 June 30, 2015, no more than one hundred eleven million dollars in tax credits 89 may be authorized; and
- 90 (3) For any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2015, no more than 91 one hundred sixteen million dollars in tax credits may be authorized for each 92 fiscal year.
 - 8. For tax credits for the creation of new jobs under section 620,2010, the department shall allocate the annual tax credits based on the date of the approval, reserving such tax credits based on the department's best estimate of new jobs and new payroll of the project, and any other applicable factors in determining the amount of benefits available to the qualified company under this program. However, the annual issuance of tax credits shall be subject to annual verification of actual payroll by the department. Any authorization of tax credits shall expire if, within two years from the date of commencement of operations, or approval if applicable, the qualified company has failed to meet the applicable minimum job requirements. The qualified company may retain authorized amounts from the withholding tax under the project once the applicable minimum job requirements have been met for the duration of the project period. No benefits shall be provided under this program until the qualified company meets the applicable minimum new job requirements. In the event the qualified company does not meet the applicable minimum new job requirements, the qualified company may submit a new notice of intent or the department may provide a new approval for a new project of the qualified company at the project facility or other facilities.
- 9. Tax credits provided under this program may be claimed against taxes otherwise imposed by chapters 143 and 148, and may not be carried forward, but shall be claimed within one year of the close of the taxable year for which they were issued. Tax credits provided under this program [may] shall not be transferred, sold, or assigned [by filing a notarized endorsement thereof with the department that names the transferree, the amount of tax credit transferred, and the value received for the credit, as well as any other information reasonably

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requested by the department]. For a qualified company with flow-through tax treatment to its members, partners, or shareholders, the tax credit shall be allowed to members, partners, or shareholders in proportion to their share of ownership on the last day of the qualified company's tax period.

- 10. Prior to the issuance of tax credits or the qualified company beginning to retain withholding taxes, the department shall verify through the department of revenue and any other applicable state department that the tax credit applicant does not owe any delinquent income, sales, or use tax or interest or penalties on such taxes, or any delinquent fees or assessments levied by any state department and through the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration that the applicant does not owe any delinquent insurance taxes or other fees. Such delinquency shall not affect the approval, except that any tax credits issued shall be first applied to the delinquency and any amount issued shall be reduced by the applicant's tax delinquency. If the department of revenue, the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration, or any other state department concludes that a taxpayer is delinquent after June fifteenth but before July first of any year and the application of tax credits to such delinquency causes a tax deficiency on behalf of the taxpayer to arise, then the taxpayer shall be granted thirty days to satisfy the deficiency in which interest, penalties, and additions to tax shall be tolled. After applying all available credits toward a tax delinquency, the administering agency shall notify the appropriate department and that department shall update the amount of outstanding delinquent tax owed by the applicant. If any credits remain after satisfying all insurance, income, sales, and use tax delinquencies, the remaining credits shall be issued to the applicant, subject to the restrictions of other provisions of law.
- 11. The director of revenue shall issue a refund to the qualified company to the extent that the amount of tax credits allowed under this program exceeds the amount of the qualified company's tax liability under chapter 143 or 148.
- 147 12. An employee of a qualified company shall receive full credit for the amount of tax withheld as provided in section 143.211.
- 13. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning 150 August 28, 2013, no new benefits shall be authorized for any project that had not 151 received from the department a proposal or approval for such benefits prior to 152 August 28, 2013, under the development tax credit program created under 153 sections 32.100 to 32.125, the rebuilding communities tax credit program created

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154 under section 135.535, the enhanced enterprise zone tax credit program created 155 under sections 135.950 to 135.973, and the Missouri quality jobs program created under sections 620.1875 to 620.1890. The provisions of this subsection shall not 156 157 be construed to limit or impair the ability of any administering agency to 158 authorize or issue benefits for any project that had received an approval or a 159 proposal from the department under any of the programs referenced in this 160 subsection prior to August 28, 2013, or the ability of any taxpayer to redeem any 161 such tax credits or to retain any withholding tax under an approval issued prior 162 to that date. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit or 163 in any way impair the ability of any governing authority to provide any local 164 abatement or designate a new zone under the enhanced enterprise zone program 165 created by sections 135.950 to 135.963. Notwithstanding any provision of law to 166 the contrary, no qualified company that is awarded benefits under this program 167 shall:

- 168 (1) Simultaneously receive benefits under the programs referenced in this 169 subsection at the same capital investment; or
- 170 (2) Receive benefits under the provisions of section 620.1910 for the same 171 jobs.
 - 14. If any provision of sections 620.2000 to 620.2020 or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of these sections which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, the provisions of sections 620.2000 to 620.2020 are hereby declared severable.
 - 15. By no later than January 1, 2014, and the first day of each calendar quarter thereafter, the department shall present a quarterly report to the general assembly detailing the benefits authorized under this program during the immediately preceding calendar quarter to the extent such information may be disclosed under state and federal law. The report shall include, at a minimum:
 - (1) A list of all approved and disapproved applicants for each tax credit;
- 183 (2) A list of the aggregate amount of new or retained jobs that are directly attributable to the tax credits authorized;
- 185 (3) A statement of the aggregate amount of new capital investment 186 directly attributable to the tax credits authorized;
- 187 (4) Documentation of the estimated net state fiscal benefit for each 188 authorized project and, to the extent available, the actual benefit realized upon 189 completion of such project or activity; and

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190 (5) The department's response time for each request for a proposed benefit 191 award under this program.

16. The department may adopt such rules, statements of policy, 193 procedures, forms, and guidelines as may be necessary to carry out the provisions 194 of sections 620.2000 to 620.2020. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is 195 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this 196 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the 197 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general 198 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to 199 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the 200 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2013, shall be invalid and void.

- 17. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:
- 204 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under sections 620.2000 to 620.2020 shall automatically sunset six years after August 28, 2013, unless 205 206 reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and
 - (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of this reauthorization of sections 620.2000 to 620.2020; and
- (3) Sections 620.2000 to 620.2020 shall terminate on September first of 210 the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the program 211 212authorized under sections 620.2000 to 620.2020 is sunset.

