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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto five new sections relating to private college campus police.

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

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto five new sections, to be known as sections 173.2700, 173.2703, 173.2706, 173.2709, and 173.2712, to read as follows:

**173.2700. 1. The provisions of sections 173.2700 to 173.2712 shall be known and may be cited as the "Private College Campus Protection Act".**

**2. For purposes of sections 173.2700 to 173.2712, the following terms mean:**

**(1) "Board", the governing board of a private college or private university;**

**(2) "Private college" or "private university", any college or university that:**

**(a) Is not owned or controlled by the state or any political subdivision thereof;**

**(b) Provides a program of education in residence leading to a baccalaureate degree, or provides a program of education in residence for which the baccalaureate degree is a prerequisite leading to an academic or professional degree;**

**(c) Is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission or other nationally recognized accrediting agency; and**

**(d) Is located within five miles of any city of the fourth classification with more than four thousand but fewer than four thousand five hundred inhabitants and located in any county of the**

21 first classification with more than fifty thousand but fewer than  
22 seventy thousand inhabitants.

23       3. The governing board of any private college or university may  
24 appoint and employ as many college or university police officers as it  
25 may deem necessary to enforce regulations established under section  
26 173.2709 and general motor vehicle laws of this state in accordance  
27 with section 173.2712, to protect persons, property, and to preserve  
28 peace and good order only in the buildings, properties, grounds, and  
29 other facilities and locations over which it has charge or control, and  
30 to respond to emergencies or natural disasters outside of the  
31 boundaries of university property and provide services if requested by  
32 the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction.

173.2703. 1. The private college or university police officers,  
2 before they enter upon their duties, shall take and subscribe an oath of  
3 office before some officer authorized to administer oaths, to faithfully  
4 and impartially discharge the duties thereof, which oath shall be filed  
5 in the office of the board, and the secretary of the board shall give each  
6 college police officer so appointed and qualified a certificate of  
7 appointment, under the seal of the board, which certificate shall  
8 empower him or her with the same authority to maintain order,  
9 preserve peace, and make arrests as is now held by peace officers.

10       2. The private college or university police officers shall have the  
11 authority to enforce the regulations established in section 173.2709 and  
12 general motor vehicle laws in accordance with section 173.2712 on the  
13 campus as prescribed in chapter 304. The private college or university  
14 police officer may, in addition, expel from the buildings, campuses, and  
15 grounds persons violating the rules and regulations that may be  
16 prescribed by the board or others under the authority of the board.

17       3. Such officer or employee of the private college or university  
18 as may be designated by the board shall have immediate charge,  
19 control, and supervision of police officers appointed by authority of  
20 this section. Such college or university police officers shall have  
21 satisfactorily completed before appointment a training course for  
22 police officers as prescribed by chapter 590 for state peace officers or,  
23 by virtue of previous experience or training, have met the requirements  
24 of chapter 590 and have been certified under that chapter.

173.2706. Nothing in sections 173.2700 to 173.2712 shall be

2 construed as denying the board the right to appoint guards or  
3 watchmen who shall not be given the authority and powers authorized  
4 by sections 173.2700 to 173.2712.

173.2709. 1. For the purpose of promoting public safety, health,  
2 and general welfare and to protect life and property, the governing  
3 board of any private college or university may establish regulations to  
4 control vehicular traffic, including speed regulations, on any  
5 thoroughfare owned or maintained by the college or university and  
6 located within any of its campuses. Such regulations shall be consistent  
7 with the provisions of the general motor vehicle laws of this  
8 state. Upon adoption of such regulations, the private college or  
9 university shall have the authority to place official traffic control  
10 signals, as defined in section 300.010, on campus property.

11 2. The regulations established by the governing board of the  
12 private college or university under subsection 1 of this section shall be  
13 codified, printed, and distributed for public use. Adequate signs  
14 displaying the speed limit shall be posted along such thoroughfares.

15 3. Violation of any regulation established under this section shall  
16 have the same effect as a violation of municipal ordinances adopted  
17 under section 304.120, with penalty provisions as provided in section  
18 304.570. Points assessed against any person under section 302.302 for  
19 a violation of this section shall be the same as provided for a violation  
20 of a county or municipal ordinance.

21 4. The provisions of this section shall apply only to moving  
22 violations.

173.2712. All motor vehicles operated upon any thoroughfare  
2 owned or maintained by a private college or university and located  
3 within any of its campuses shall be subject to the provisions of the  
4 general motor vehicle laws of this state, including chapters 301, 302,  
5 303, 304, 307, and 577. Violations shall have the same effect as though  
6 such had occurred on public roads, streets, or highways of this state.