

SENATE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 672
AN ACT

To repeal sections 173.2553 and 173.2554, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to workforce development.

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

Section A. Sections 173.2553 and 173.2554, RSMo, are
2 repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be
3 known as sections 21.915, 173.2553, and 620.2250, to read as
4 follows:

21.915. 1. There is established a permanent joint
2 committee of the general assembly to be known as the "Joint
3 Committee on Rural Economic Development" which shall be
4 composed of five members of the senate, appointed by the
5 president pro tempore of the senate, and five members of the
6 house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives. A majority of the members of the
8 committee shall constitute a quorum. The members shall
9 annually select one of the members to be the chair and one
10 of the members to be the vice chair. The speaker of the
11 house of representatives and the president pro tempore of
12 the senate shall appoint the respective majority members.
13 The minority leader of the house of representatives and the
14 minority leader of the senate shall appoint the respective
15 minority members. The members shall receive no additional
16 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and
17 necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of
18 their duties. No major party shall be represented on the

19 committee by more than three members from the senate nor by
20 more than three members from the house of representatives.
21 The committee is authorized to meet and act year round and
22 to employ the necessary personnel within the limits of
23 appropriations. The staff of the committee on legislative
24 research, house research, and senate research shall provide
25 necessary clerical, research, fiscal, and legal services to
26 the committee, as the committee may request.

27 2. It shall be the duty of the committee to:

28 (1) Examine any trending population declines
29 throughout rural counties in Missouri utilizing data from
30 the last previous decennial census of the United States,
31 including identifying any anomalous rural areas that saw
32 population increases;

33 (2) Identify economic opportunities for third class
34 counties, including identifying viable industries for rural
35 areas of the state and businesses that are relocating from
36 other states;

37 (3) Monitor the deployment and adoption of broadband
38 internet in rural areas of the state;

39 (4) Examine the issue of restricted access to quality
40 healthcare and insurance in rural areas of the state;

41 (5) Identify the need for and development of expanded
42 learning opportunities in rural areas, including workforce
43 development, skilled labor training, and online training;

44 (6) Examine infrastructure issues in rural areas in
45 the state, including opportunities to mitigate geographical
46 isolation and a review of transportation development plans
47 to embolden economic vitality in rural areas of the state;

48 (7) Identify key contributors and solutions to poverty
49 and unemployment trends in rural areas of the state;

50 (8) Develop policies to maximize existing state
51 programs, including existing economic development tax credit
52 programs and tourism programs; and

53 (9) Identify and examine any other issues that the
54 committee determines to be affecting rural areas of the
55 state.

56 3. The committee may compile a full report of its
57 activities for submission to the general assembly, which
58 shall include any recommendations which the committee may
59 have for legislative action as well as any recommendations
60 for administrative or procedural changes in the internal
61 management or organization of state government agencies and
62 departments. Copies of the report containing such
63 recommendations shall be sent to the appropriate directors
64 of state departments and agencies included in the report.

65 4. All state departments, commissions, and offices
66 shall cooperate with and assist the committee in the
67 performance of its duties and shall make available all
68 books, records, and information requested.

173.2553. 1. There is hereby established a "Fast
2 Track Workforce Incentive Grant", and any moneys
3 appropriated by the general assembly for this program shall
4 be deposited in the fund created in subsection 12 of this
5 section and shall be used to provide grants for Missouri
6 citizens to attend an approved Missouri postsecondary
7 institution of their choice in accordance with the
8 provisions of this section.

9 2. The definitions of terms set forth in section
10 173.1102 shall be applicable to such terms as used in this
11 section and section 173.2554. In addition, the following
12 terms shall mean:

13 (1) "Active apprentice status", formal participation
14 in an apprenticeship that meets any related requirements as

15 defined by the organization providing the apprenticeship or
16 the United States Department of Labor;

17 (2) "Board", the coordinating board for higher
18 education;

19 [(2)] (3) "Eligible apprentice", an individual who:

20 (a) Is a citizen or permanent resident of the United
21 States;

22 (b) Is a Missouri resident as determined by reference
23 to standards promulgated by the coordinating board;

24 (c) Has active apprentice status in an eligible
25 apprenticeship;

26 (d) Has an adjusted gross income as reported on their
27 Missouri individual income tax return, that does not exceed
28 eighty thousand dollars for married filing joint taxpayers
29 or forty thousand dollars for all other taxpayers; and

30 (e) Is twenty-five years of age or older at the time
31 of entering the apprenticeship or has not been enrolled in a
32 postsecondary education program, other than one related to
33 the current apprenticeship, for the prior two calendar years;

34 (4) "Eligible apprenticeship", a United States
35 Department of Labor approved apprenticeship, as defined
36 under 29 CFR Part 29, conducted within the state of Missouri
37 that prepares a participant to enter employment in an area
38 of occupational shortage as determined by the coordinating
39 board;

40 (5) "Eligible program of study", a program of
41 instruction:

42 (a) Resulting in the award of a certificate,
43 undergraduate degree, or other industry-recognized
44 credential; and

45 (b) That has been designated by the coordinating board
46 as preparing students to enter an area of occupational
47 shortage as determined by the board;

48 [(3)] (6) "Eligible student", an individual who:
49 (a) Has completed and submitted a FAFSA for the
50 academic year for which the grant is requested or if the
51 student is enrolled, or is enrolling, with an eligible
52 training provider that does not participate in federal
53 student aid programs, has provided documentation of their
54 adjusted gross income as determined by the board;
55 (b) Is a citizen or permanent resident of the United
56 States;
57 (c) Is a Missouri resident as determined by reference
58 to standards promulgated by the coordinating board;
59 (d) Is enrolled, or plans to enroll, at least half-
60 time as a student in an eligible undergraduate program of
61 study offered by an approved public, private, or virtual
62 institution, as defined in section 173.1102 or by an
63 eligible training provider;
64 (e) Has an adjusted gross income, as reported on the
65 FAFSA or other documentation as determined by the board,
66 that does not exceed eighty thousand dollars for married
67 filing joint taxpayers or forty thousand dollars for all
68 other taxpayers; and
69 (f) Is twenty-five years of age or older at the time
70 of enrollment or has not been enrolled in an educational
71 program for the prior two academic years;
72 (7) "Eligible training provider", a training
73 organization listed in the state of Missouri eligible
74 training provider system maintained by the office of
75 workforce development in the department of higher education
76 and workforce development;
77 [(4)] (8) "FAFSA", the Free Application for Federal
78 Student Aid, as maintained by the United States Department
79 of Education;

80 [(5)] (9) "Fast track grant", an amount of moneys paid
81 by the state of Missouri to a student under the provisions
82 of this section;

83 [(6)] (10) "Graduation", completion of a program of
84 study as indicated by the award of a certificate,
85 undergraduate degree, or other industry-recognized
86 credential;

87 [(7)] (11) "Qualifying employment", full-time
88 employment of a Missouri resident at a workplace located
89 within the state of Missouri, or self-employment while a
90 Missouri resident, with at least fifty percent of an
91 individual's annual income coming from self-employment,
92 either of which result in required returns of income in
93 accordance with section 143.481;

94 [(8)] (12) "Recipient", an eligible student [(or)], an
95 eligible apprentice, a renewal apprentice, or a renewal
96 student who receives a fast track grant under the provisions
97 of this section;

98 (13) "Related educational costs", direct costs
99 incurred by an individual as part of an eligible
100 apprenticeship program, such as, but not limited to, tools,
101 books, and uniforms;

102 (14) "Renewal apprentice", an eligible apprentice who
103 remains in compliance with the provision of this section,
104 has received the grant as an initial apprentice, maintains
105 active apprentice status, and who has not received a
106 bachelor's degree;

107 [(9)] (15) "Renewal student", an eligible student who
108 remains in compliance with the provisions of this section,
109 has received a grant as an initial recipient, maintains a
110 cumulative grade point average of at least two and one-half
111 on a four-point scale or the equivalent, makes satisfactory
112 academic degree progress as defined by the institution, with

113 the exception of grade point average, and has not received a
114 bachelor's degree.

115 3. Standards of eligibility for renewed assistance
116 shall be the same as for an initial award of financial
117 assistance; except that, for a renewal student, an applicant
118 shall demonstrate a grade point average of two and one-half
119 on a four-point scale, or the equivalent on another scale.

120 4. Eligibility for a grant expires upon the earliest
121 of:

122 (1) Receipt of the grant for four semesters or the
123 equivalent;

124 (2) Receipt of a bachelor's degree; or

125 (3) For an eligible student, reaching two hundred
126 percent of the time typically required to complete the
127 program of study.

128 5. The coordinating board shall initially designate
129 eligible programs of study by January 1, 2020, in connection
130 with local education institutions, regional business
131 organizations, and other stakeholders. The coordinating
132 board shall annually review the list of eligible programs of
133 study and occupations relating to eligible apprenticeships
134 and make changes to the program list as it determines
135 appropriate.

136 6. The coordinating board shall be the administrative
137 agency for the implementation of the program established by
138 this section and section 173.2554. The coordinating board
139 shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the
140 exercise of its functions and the effectuation of the
141 purposes of this section and section 173.2554. The
142 coordinating board shall prescribe the form and the time and
143 method of filing applications and supervise the processing
144 thereof. The coordinating board shall determine the
145 criteria for eligibility of applicants and shall evaluate

146 each applicant's eligibility. The coordinating board shall
147 select qualified recipients to receive grants, make such
148 awards of financial assistance to qualified recipients, and
149 determine the manner and method of payment to the recipients.

150 7. The coordinating board shall determine eligibility
151 for renewed assistance on the basis of annual applications.
152 As a condition to consideration for initial or renewed
153 assistance, the coordinating board may require the applicant
154 and the applicant's spouse to execute forms of consent
155 authorizing the director of revenue to compare financial
156 information submitted by the applicant with the Missouri
157 individual income tax returns of the applicant, and the
158 applicant's spouse, for the taxable year immediately
159 preceding the year for which application is made, and to
160 report any discrepancies to the coordinating board.

161 8. Grants shall be awarded in an amount equal to the
162 actual tuition and general fees charged of an eligible
163 student, after all federal nonloan aid, state student aid,
164 and any other governmental student financial aid are
165 applied. If a grant amount is reduced to zero due to the
166 receipt of other aid, the eligible student shall receive an
167 award of up to five hundred dollars or the remaining cost of
168 attendance as calculated by the institution after all
169 nonloan student aid has been applied, whichever is less, per
170 academic term. Grants shall also be awarded in an amount
171 equal to the related educational costs for an eligible
172 apprentice after all other governmental assistance provided
173 for the apprenticeship has been applied.

174 9. If appropriated funds are insufficient to fund the
175 program as described, students and apprentices applying for
176 renewed assistance shall be given priority until all funds
177 are expended.

178 10. [A] An eligible student that is the recipient of
179 financial assistance may transfer from one approved public,
180 private, or virtual institution, or eligible training
181 provider to another without losing eligibility for
182 assistance under this section, but the coordinating board
183 shall make any necessary adjustments in the amount of the
184 award. If a recipient of financial assistance at any time
185 is entitled to a refund of any tuition or fees under the
186 rules and regulations of the institution in which he or she
187 is enrolled, the institution shall pay the portion of the
188 refund that may be attributed to the grant to the
189 coordinating board. The coordinating board shall use these
190 refunds to make additional awards under the provisions of
191 this section.

192 11. [Subject to the requirements of subsections 2, 3,
193 and 4 of this section, a student is eligible for a fast
194 track grant under this section if the student meets all of
195 the following criteria:

196 (1) The student has successfully completed counseling
197 explaining the benefits and obligations of the program under
198 this section, including the terms and conditions of the
199 promissory note under subdivision (2) of this subsection and
200 the consequences of noncompliance specified in section
201 173.2554; and

202 (2) The student executes a promissory note
203 acknowledging that the fast track grant moneys awarded under
204 this section will be converted to a loan, and agreeing to
205 repay that loan if he or she fails to satisfy the following
206 conditions:

207 (a) Maintenance of at least half-time enrollment in an
208 eligible program, with an interruption of qualifying
209 enrollment of no more than twelve consecutive months from

210 the last day of the most recent payment period during which
211 the student received a fast track award;

212 (b) Graduation from an approved institution; or

213 (c) Residency within the state of Missouri within
214 twelve months after the date of the student's graduation and
215 for a period of not less than three years and qualifying
216 employment within twelve months of the student's graduation
217 and for a period of not less than three years. Residency
218 and qualifying employment obligations may be deferred if the
219 recipient's studies continue after graduation.

220 12.] Persons who receive fast track grants under this
221 section shall be required to submit proof of residency and
222 qualifying employment to the coordinating board for higher
223 education within thirty days of completing each twelve
224 months of qualifying employment until the three-year
225 employment obligation is fulfilled.

226 [13. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

227 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under
228 this section shall sunset automatically three years after
229 August 28, 2019, unless reauthorized by an act of the
230 general assembly; and

231 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program
232 authorized under this section shall sunset automatically six
233 years after the effective date of the reauthorization; and

234 (3) This section shall terminate on December thirty-
235 first of the calendar year immediately following the
236 calendar year in which the program authorized under this
237 section is sunset.]

238 12. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury
239 the "Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant Fund". The state
240 treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance
241 with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may
242 approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund

243 and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used
244 solely by the coordinating board for the purposes of this
245 section.

246 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080
247 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end
248 of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the
249 general revenue fund.

250 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the
251 fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any
252 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be
253 credited to the fund.

254 13. The coordinating board shall have the authority to
255 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this
256 section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
257 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
258 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
259 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
260 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
261 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
262 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
263 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
264 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
265 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
266 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
267 2019, shall be invalid and void.

2 620.2250. 1. This section shall be known and may be
3 cited as the "Targeted Industrial Manufacturing Enhancement
4 Zones Act".

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

7 (1) "County average wage", the average wage in each
8 county as determined by the department for the most recently
completed full calendar year. However, if the computed

9 county average wage is above the statewide average wage, the
10 statewide average wage shall be deemed the county average
11 wage for such county for the purpose of determining
12 eligibility;

13 (2) "Department", the Missouri department of economic
14 development;

15 (3) "New job", the number of full-time employees
16 located at the project facility that exceeds the project
17 facility base employment less any decrease in the number of
18 full-time employees at related facilities below the related
19 facility base employment. No job that was created prior to
20 the date of the completion of an agreement pursuant to
21 subsection 6 of this section and no job that is relocated
22 from another location within this state shall be deemed a
23 new job. An employee that spends less than fifty percent of
24 the employee's work time at the facility is still considered
25 to be located at a facility if the employee receives his or
26 her directions and control from that facility, is on the
27 facility's payroll, one hundred percent of the employee's
28 income from such employment is Missouri income, and the
29 employee is paid at or above the county average wage;

30 (4) "Political subdivision", a town, village, city, or
31 county located in this state;

32 (5) "Related facility", a facility operated by a
33 company or a related company prior to the establishment of
34 the TIME zone in question, and which is directly related to
35 the operations of the facility within the new TIME zone;

36 (6) "TIME zone", an area identified through an
37 ordinance or resolution passed pursuant to subsection 4 of
38 this section that is being developed or redeveloped for any
39 purpose so long as any infrastructure or building built or
40 improved is in the development area;

41 (7) "Zone board", the governing body of a TIME zone.

42 3. The governing bodies of at least two contiguous or
43 overlapping political subdivisions in this state may
44 establish one or more TIME zones, which shall be political
45 subdivisions of the state, for the purposes of completing
46 infrastructure projects to promote the economic development
47 of the region. Such zones may only include the area within
48 the governing bodies' jurisdiction, ownership, or control,
49 and may include any such area. The governing bodies shall
50 determine the boundaries for each TIME zone, and more than
51 one TIME zone may exist within the governing bodies'
52 jurisdiction or under the governing bodies' ownership or
53 control, and may be expanded or contracted by resolution of
54 the zone board.

55 4. (1) To establish a TIME zone, the governing bodies
56 of at least two political subdivisions shall each propose an
57 ordinance or resolution creating such zone. Such ordinance
58 or resolution shall set forth the names of the political
59 subdivisions which will form the TIME zone, the general
60 nature of the proposed improvements, the estimated cost of
61 such improvements, the boundaries of the proposed TIME zone,
62 and the estimated number of new jobs to be created in the
63 TIME zone. Prior to approving such ordinance or resolution,
64 each governing body shall hold a public hearing to consider
65 the creation of the TIME zone and the proposed improvements
66 therein. The governing bodies shall hear and pass upon all
67 objections to the TIME zone and the proposed improvements,
68 if any, and may amend the proposed improvements, and the
69 plans and specifications therefor.

70 (2) After the passage or adoption of the ordinance or
71 resolution creating the TIME Zone, governance of the TIME
72 zone shall be by the zone board, which shall consist of
73 seven members selected from the political subdivisions
74 creating the TIME zone. Members of a zone board shall

75 receive no salary or other compensation for their services
76 as members, but shall receive their necessary traveling and
77 other expenses incurred while actually engaged in the
78 discharge of their official duties. The zone board may
79 expand or contract such TIME zone through an ordinance or
80 resolution following a public hearing conducted to consider
81 such expansion or contraction.

82 5. The boundaries of the proposed TIME zone shall be
83 described by metes and bounds, streets, or other
84 sufficiently specific description.

85 6. (1) Prior to retaining any state withholding tax
86 pursuant to subsection 9 of this section, a zone board shall
87 enter into an agreement with the department. Such agreement
88 shall include, but shall not be limited to:

89 (a) The estimated number of new jobs to be created;

90 (b) The estimated average wage of new jobs to be
91 created;

92 (c) The estimated net fiscal impact of the new jobs;

93 (d) The estimated costs of the proposed improvements;

94 (e) The estimated amount of withholding tax to be
95 retained pursuant to subsection 9 of this section over the
96 period of the agreement; and

97 (f) A copy of the ordinance establishing the board and
98 a list of its members.

99 (2) The department shall not approve an agreement with
100 a zone board unless the zone board commits to creating the
101 following number of new jobs:

102 (a) For a TIME zone with a total population of less
103 than five thousand inhabitants as determined by the most
104 recent decennial census, a minimum of five new jobs with an
105 average wage that equals or exceeds ninety percent of the
106 county average wage;

107 (b) For a TIME zone with a total population of at
108 least five thousand inhabitants but less than fifty thousand
109 inhabitants as determined by the most recent decennial
110 census, a minimum of ten new jobs with an average wage that
111 equals or exceeds ninety percent of the county average wage;

112 (c) For a TIME zone with a total population of at
113 least fifty thousand inhabitants but less than one hundred
114 fifty thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent
115 decennial census, a minimum of fifteen new jobs with an
116 average wage that equals or exceeds ninety percent of the
117 county average wage; and

118 (d) For a TIME zone with a total population of at
119 least one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants as determined
120 by the most recent decennial census, a minimum of twenty-
121 five new jobs with an average wage that equals or exceeds
122 ninety percent of the county average wage.

123 7. (1) The term of the agreement entered into
124 pursuant to subsection 6 of this section shall not exceed
125 ten years. A zone board may apply to the department for
126 approval to renew any agreement. Such application shall be
127 made on forms provided by the department. In determining
128 whether to approve the renewal of an agreement, the
129 department shall consider:

130 (a) The number of new jobs created and the average
131 wage and net fiscal impact of such jobs;

132 (b) The outstanding improvements to be made within the
133 TIME zone and the funding necessary to complete such
134 improvements; and

135 (c) Any other factor the department requires.

136 (2) The department may approve the renewal of an
137 agreement for a period not to exceed ten years. If a zone
138 board has not met the new job requirements pursuant to
139 subdivision (2) of subsection 6 of this section by the end

140 of the agreement, the department shall recapture from such
141 zone board the amount of withholding tax retained by the
142 zone board pursuant to this section and the department shall
143 not approve the renewal of an agreement with such zone board.

144 (3) A zone board shall not retain any withholding tax
145 pursuant to this section in excess of the costs of
146 improvements completed by the zone board.

147 8. If a qualified company is retaining withholding tax
148 pursuant to sections 620.2000 to 620.2020 for new jobs, as
149 such terms are defined in section 620.2005, that also
150 qualify for the retention of withholding tax pursuant to
151 this section, the department shall not authorize an
152 agreement pursuant to this section that results in more than
153 fifty percent of the withholding tax for such new jobs being
154 retained pursuant to this section and sections 620.2000 to
155 620.2020.

156 9. Upon the completion of an agreement pursuant to
157 subsection 6 of this section, twenty-five percent of the
158 state tax withholdings imposed by sections 143.191 to
159 143.265 on new jobs within a TIME zone after development or
160 redevelopment has commenced shall not be remitted to the
161 general revenue fund of the state of Missouri. Such moneys
162 shall be deposited into the TIME zone fund established
163 pursuant to subsection 10 of this section for the purpose of
164 continuing to expand, develop, and redevelop TIME zones
165 identified by the zone board, and may be used for
166 managerial, engineering, legal, research, promotion,
167 planning, and any other expenses.

168 10. There is hereby created in the state treasury the
169 "TIME Zone Fund", which shall consist of money collected
170 under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian
171 of the fund and may approve disbursements from the fund in
172 accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180 to the zone

173 boards of the TIME zones from which the funds were
174 collected, less the pro-rata portion appropriated by the
175 general assembly to be used solely for the administration of
176 this section, which shall not exceed ten percent of the
177 total amount collected within the TIME zones of a zone
178 board. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to
179 the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of
180 the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general
181 revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in
182 the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested.
183 Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be
184 credited to the fund.

185 11. The zone board shall approve projects consistent
186 with the provisions of this section that begin construction
187 and disburse any money collected under this section. The
188 zone board shall submit an annual budget for the funds to
189 the department explaining how and when such money will be
190 spent.

191 12. A zone board shall submit an annual report by
192 December thirty-first of each year to the department and the
193 general assembly. Such report shall include, but shall not
194 be limited to:

195 (1) The locations of the established TIME zones
196 governed by the zone board;

197 (2) The number of new jobs created within the TIME
198 zones governed by the zone board;

199 (3) The average wage of the new jobs created within
200 the TIME zones governed by the zone board;

201 (4) The improvements utilizing TIME zone funding;

202 (5) The amount of TIME zone funding utilized for each
203 improvement and the total amount of TIME zone funds
204 expended; and

205 (6) The amount of withholding tax retained pursuant to
206 subsection 9 of this section from new jobs created within
207 the TIME zones governed by the zone board.

208 13. No political subdivision shall establish a TIME
209 zone with boundaries that overlap the boundaries of an
210 advanced industrial manufacturing zone established pursuant
211 to section 68.075.

212 14. The total amount of withholding taxes retained by
213 all TIME zones pursuant to the provisions of this section
214 shall not exceed five million dollars per fiscal year.

215 15. The department may promulgate rules to implement
216 the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a
217 rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
218 created under the authority delegated in this section shall
219 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to
220 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,
221 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
222 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
223 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay
224 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
225 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
226 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
227 August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void.

228 16. The provisions of section 23.253 notwithstanding,
229 no TIME zone may be established after August 28, 2025. Any
230 TIME zone created prior to such date shall continue to exist
231 and be coterminous with the retirement of any debts incurred
232 for improvements made within the TIME zone. No debts may be
233 incurred or reauthorized using TIME zone revenue after
234 August 28, 2025.

2 [173.2554. 1. Except as provided in
3 subsection 2 of this section, if a student who
4 received a fast track grant under section
5 173.2553 fails to comply with the terms of the
promissory note under subdivision (2) of

6 subsection 11 of section 173.2553, including
7 failure to satisfy the conditions in paragraph
8 (a), (b), or (c) of such subdivision, the fast
9 track grant shall be converted to a loan. This
10 loan shall accrue interest at the federal direct
11 loan interest rate for direct subsidized
12 undergraduate loans in effect at the time the
13 student enters the eligible program. Interest
14 shall be calculated from the date the recipient
15 enters repayment. For a recipient who fulfills
16 some, but not all, of his or her three-year
17 residency and employment obligations, the amount
18 of the fast track grant that is converted to a
19 loan shall be reduced by one-third for each
20 period of twelve months of residency and
21 employment as verified by the proof of residency
22 and qualifying employment required in subsection
23 12 of section 173.2553.

24 2. The coordinating board shall provide
25 for a waiver under the fast track grant if the
26 grant is not converted to a loan under
27 subsection 1 of this section for a recipient who
28 fails to comply with terms of the agreement
29 under paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of subdivision
30 (2) of subsection 11 of section 173.2553 due to
31 his or her total and permanent disability or
32 death, the total and permanent disability or
33 death of his or her spouse or child, or if such
34 recipient or recipient's spouse is providing
35 service to any branch of the Armed Forces of the
36 United States and is transferred out of state
37 and is no longer able to maintain Missouri
38 residency as a result of such service. The
39 waiver shall specify standards for the board's
40 determination of total and permanent disability
41 or death standards for the board's determination
42 of total and permanent disability or death, or
43 military transfer status, and a process for
44 seeking a waiver under this subsection.

45 3. The coordinating board shall deposit in
46 the fast track workforce incentive grant fund
47 all repayments of principal and interest on the
48 loans under subsection 1 of this section.

49 4. The coordinating board shall establish
50 a procedure and guidelines for granting
51 deferments or forbearances of fast track grants
52 that have converted to loans and are in
53 repayment status for recipients who:

54 (1) Are enrolled at least half-time at an
55 institution of higher education;

56 (2) Experience economic hardship;

57 (3) Have a medical condition limiting
58 their ability to continue repayment including,
59 but not limited to, illness, disability, or
60 pregnancy; or

61 (4) Are providing service to any branch of
62 the Armed Forces of the United States.

63 5. The coordinating board shall establish
64 a procedure and guidelines for granting loan

65 discharge for fast track grants that have been
66 converted to loans and are in repayment for
67 recipients who are unable to fulfill the
68 repayment obligation due to their total and
69 permanent disability or death or the total and
70 permanent disability or death of their spouse or
71 child.

72 6. (1) There is hereby created in the
73 state treasury the "Fast Track Workforce
74 Incentive Grant Fund". The state treasurer
75 shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance
76 with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state
77 treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund
78 shall be a dedicated fund and, upon
79 appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used
80 solely by the coordinating board for the
81 purposes of this section and section 173.2553.

82 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of
83 section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys
84 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium
85 shall not revert to the credit of the general
86 revenue fund.

87 (3) The state treasurer shall invest
88 moneys in the fund in the same manner as other
89 funds are invested. Any interest and moneys
90 earned on such investments shall be credited to
91 the fund.

92 7. The coordinating board shall have the
93 authority to promulgate rules to implement the
94 provisions of this section and section
95 173.2553. Any rule or portion of a rule, as
96 that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
97 created under the authority delegated in this
98 section shall become effective only if it
99 complies with and is subject to all of the
100 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,
101 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536
102 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested
103 with the general assembly pursuant to chapter
104 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or
105 to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
106 held unconstitutional, then the grant of
107 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
108 adopted after August 28, 2019, shall be invalid
109 and void.]