

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

Offered by _____ of _____

Amend SS/House Bill No. 419, Page 1, Section 41.890, Line 8,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

3 "160.082. 1. This section shall be known and may be
4 cited as the "Missouri Creating a Respectful and Open World
5 for Natural Hair (Missouri CROWN) Act".

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

7 (1) "Educational institution", any public or private
8 prekindergarten program, public or private elementary or
9 secondary school, or public or private school board or other
10 school administrative body;

11 (2) "Protective hairstyles", includes, but is not
12 limited to, such hairstyles and coverings that are designed
13 to protect textured hair from damage so it may be worn in
14 its natural state as braids, locks, twists, and afros;

15 (3) "Race", includes a perception that a person is of
16 a particular racial group based upon shared physical traits
17 associated with ancestral origin or ethnicity, shared
18 cultural attributes, and similar physical characteristics
19 such as skin color and facial features;

20 (4) "State financial assistance", any funds or other
21 form of financial aid appropriated or authorized under the
22 laws of this state, or under any federal law administered by
23 any state agency, for the purpose of providing assistance to
24 any educational institution for its own benefit or for the
25 benefit of any pupils admitted to the educational

institution. "State financial assistance" shall include,
but not be limited to, all of the following:

(a) Grants of state property, or any interest therein;
(b) Provision of the services of state personnel; and
(c) Funds provided by contract, tax rebate,
appropriation, allocation, or formula;

(5) "State student financial aid", any funds or other
form of financial aid appropriated or authorized under the
laws of this state, or under any federal law administered by
any state agency, for the purpose of providing assistance
directly to any student admitted to an educational
institution. "State student financial aid" shall include,
but not be limited to, scholarships, loans, grants, or wages.

3. No person shall be subjected to discrimination
based on the person's hair texture or protective hairstyle,
if that protective hairstyle or texture is commonly
associated with a particular race or origin, in any program
or activity conducted by an educational institution that
receives or benefits from state financial assistance or
enrolls pupils who receive state student financial aid;
provided, however, that such institution may require the use
of hair nets or coverings or may require that hair be
secured for safety purposes in any career and technical
training course or class to comply with safety regulations
and standards of the course or class throughout the duration
of the course or class.

4. The provisions of subsection 3 of this section
shall not apply to an educational institution that is
controlled by a religious organization if the application of
such provision would not be consistent with the religious
tenets of that organization."; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.