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SENATE BILL NO. 150

AN ACT

To repeal sections 160.2700, 160.2705, 160.2710, 172.280, 173.612, 173.616, 173.1102, 173.1103, 173.1105, 174.160, 174.231, 178.786, 191.600, 191.603, 191.605, 191.607, 191.611, 191.614, 191.615, 210.221, 324.009, 333.041, 333.042, 337.600, 337.604, 337.615, 337.627, 337.644, and 337.645, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof thirty-three new sections relating to workforce development initiatives.

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

Section A. Sections 160.2700, 160.2705, 160.2710,  
2 172.280, 173.612, 173.616, 173.1102, 173.1103, 173.1105,  
3 174.160, 174.231, 178.786, 191.600, 191.603, 191.605, 191.607,  
4 191.611, 191.614, 191.615, 210.221, 324.009, 333.041, 333.042,  
5 337.600, 337.604, 337.615, 337.627, 337.644, and 337.645, RSMo,  
6 are repealed and thirty-three new sections enacted in lieu  
7 thereof, to be known as sections 160.2700, 160.2705, 160.2710,  
8 161.264, 172.280, 173.612, 173.616, 173.685, 173.836, 173.1102,  
9 173.1103, 173.1105, 174.160, 174.231, 178.786, 191.600,  
10 191.603, 191.605, 191.607, 191.611, 191.614, 191.615, 210.221,  
11 324.009, 333.041, 333.042, 337.600, 337.604, 337.615, 337.627,  
12 337.628, 337.644, and 337.645, to read as follows:

160.2700. For purposes of sections 160.2700 to  
2 160.2725, "adult high school" means a school that:

3 (1) Is for individuals who do not have a high school  
4 diploma and who are [twenty-one] eighteen years of age or  
5 older;

6 (2) Offers an industry certification program or  
7 programs and a high school diploma in a manner that allows  
8 students to earn a diploma at the same time that they earn  
9 an industry certification;

10 (3) Offers child care for children of enrolled  
11 students attending the school; and

12 (4) Is not eligible to receive funding under section  
13 160.415 or 163.031.

160.2705. 1. The department of social services shall  
2 authorize Missouri-based nonprofit organizations meeting the  
3 criteria of this section to establish and operate up to five  
4 adult high schools, with:

5 (1) One adult high school to be located in a city not  
6 within a county;

7 (2) One adult high school to be located in a county of  
8 the third classification without a township form of  
9 government and with more than forty-one thousand but fewer  
10 than forty-five thousand inhabitants or a county contiguous  
11 to that county;

12 (3) One adult high school to be located in a county of  
13 the first classification with more than two hundred sixty  
14 thousand but fewer than three hundred thousand inhabitants  
15 or a county contiguous to that county;

16 (4) One adult high school to be located in a county of  
17 the first classification with more than one hundred fifty  
18 thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants; and

19 (5) One adult high school to be located in a county  
20 with more than seven hundred thousand but fewer than eight  
21 hundred thousand inhabitants, or a contiguous county.

22           2. The department of social services shall administer  
23 funding to adult high schools subject to appropriations.  
24 The department shall be responsible for granting and  
25 maintaining authorization for adult high schools. For adult  
26 high schools in operation prior to January 1, 2023, the  
27 department shall maintain authorization for the nonprofit  
28 organization to operate the schools, subject to compliance  
29 with this section. No more than one organization shall be  
30 authorized to operate an adult high school at each location  
31 described in subsection 1 of this section. An organization  
32 may establish satellite campuses for any adult high school  
33 it is authorized to operate. The department shall  
34 administer funding for satellite campuses subject to  
35 appropriations.

36           3. On or before January 1, 2024, the department of  
37 social services shall select an eligible Missouri-based  
38 nonprofit organization to operate in a location described in  
39 subdivision (5) of subsection 1 of this section. An  
40 eligible organization shall:

41           (1) Demonstrate the ability to establish, within  
42 twenty-one months of the receipt of the authorization, an  
43 adult high school offering high school diplomas, an industry  
44 certification program or programs, and child care for  
45 children of the students attending the high schools;

46           (2) Demonstrate the ability to commit at least five  
47 hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of establishing the  
48 necessary infrastructure at the adult high school;

49           (3) Demonstrate substantial and positive experience in  
50 providing services, including industry certifications and  
51 job placement services, to adults [~~twenty-one~~] eighteen  
52 years of age or older whose educational and training  
53 opportunities have been limited by educational

54 disadvantages, disabilities, homelessness, criminal history,  
55 or similar circumstances;

56 (4) Establish a partnership with a state-supported  
57 postsecondary education institution or more than one such  
58 partnership, if a partnership or partnerships are necessary  
59 in order to meet the requirements for an adult high school;

60 (5) Establish a comprehensive plan that sets forth how  
61 the adult high schools will help address the need for a  
62 sufficiently trained workforce in the surrounding region for  
63 each adult high school;

64 (6) Establish partnerships and strategies for engaging  
65 the community and business leaders in carrying out the goals  
66 of each adult high school;

67 (7) Establish the ability to meet quality standards  
68 through certified teachers and programs that support each  
69 student in such student's goal to find a more rewarding job;

70 (8) Establish a plan for assisting students in  
71 overcoming barriers to educational success including, but  
72 not limited to, educational disadvantages, homelessness,  
73 criminal history, disability, including learning disability  
74 such as dyslexia, and similar circumstances;

75 (9) Establish a process for determining outcomes of  
76 the adult high school, including outcomes related to a  
77 student's ability to find a more rewarding job through the  
78 attainment of a high school diploma and job training and  
79 certification; and

80 (10) Limit the administrative fee to no more than ten  
81 percent.

82 4. (1) The department of elementary and secondary  
83 education shall establish academic requirements for students  
84 to obtain high school diplomas.

85 (2) Requirements for a high school diploma shall be  
86 based on an adult student's prior high school achievement

87 and the remaining credits and coursework that would be  
88 necessary for the student to receive a high school diploma  
89 if such student were in a traditional high school setting.  
90 The adult student shall meet the requirements with the same  
91 level of academic rigor as would otherwise be necessary to  
92 attain such credits.

93 (3) The adult high school authorized under this  
94 section shall award high school diplomas to students who  
95 successfully meet the established academic requirements.  
96 The adult high school authorized under this section shall  
97 confer the diploma as though the student earned the diploma  
98 at a traditional high school. The diploma shall have no  
99 differentiating marks, titles, or other symbols.

100 (4) Students at adult high schools may complete  
101 required coursework at their own pace and as available  
102 through the adult high school. They shall not be required  
103 to satisfy any specific number of class minutes. The adult  
104 high school may also make classes available to students  
105 online as may be appropriate. However, students shall not  
106 complete the majority of instruction of the school's  
107 curriculum online or through remote instruction. For the  
108 purposes of this subsection, synchronous instruction  
109 connecting students to a live class conducted in a Missouri  
110 adult high school shall be treated the same as in-person  
111 instruction.

112 (5) The department of elementary and secondary  
113 education shall not create additional regulations or burdens  
114 on the adult high school or the students attending the adult  
115 high schools beyond certifying necessary credits and  
116 ensuring that students have sufficiently mastered the  
117 subject matter to make them eligible for credit.

118           5. An adult high school shall be deemed a secondary  
119 school system for the purposes of subdivision [(15)] (16) of  
120 subsection 1 of section 210.211.

          160.2710. 1. Any person who is [twenty-one] eighteen  
2 years of age or older may enroll in an adult high school if  
3 he or she has not earned a high school diploma.

          2. An adult high school shall give a preference in  
4 admission to those students who receive any local, state, or  
5 federal assistance in which a person or family is required  
6 not to exceed a certain income level in order to qualify for  
7 the assistance.  
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3. For the purposes of compiling and tracking dropout  
9 rates of a local education agency by the department of  
10 elementary and secondary education, a student transferring  
11 from a local education agency to an adult high school shall  
12 be considered a transfer student and not a dropout student  
13 from the local education agency.  
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161.264. 1. Subject to appropriation, the department  
2 of elementary and secondary education shall establish a  
3 statewide program to be known as the "STEM Career Awareness  
4 Activity Program" to increase STEM career awareness among  
5 students in grades nine through twelve. For the purposes of  
6 this section, "STEM" means science, technology, engineering,  
7 and mathematics.

2. The department of elementary and secondary  
8 education shall promote the statewide program beginning in  
9 the 2026-27 school year. The program shall introduce  
10 students in grades nine through twelve to a wide variety of  
11 STEM careers and technology through an activity program that  
12 involves participating in STEM-related activities at state,  
13 national, or international competitions.  
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3. (1) By January 1, 2026, the department of  
15 elementary and secondary education shall solicit proposals  
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17 to provide the activity program. By March 1, 2026, the  
18 department of elementary and secondary education shall  
19 select a provider for the program.

20 (2) The department shall select a provider that  
21 presents quantitative or qualitative data demonstrating the  
22 effectiveness of the program in any of the following areas:

23 (a) Helping teachers improve their instruction in STEM-  
24 related subjects;

25 (b) Increasing the likelihood that students will go on  
26 to study a STEM-related subject at a four-year college upon  
27 graduation from high school; or

28 (c) Increasing the likelihood that students will enter  
29 the STEM workforce upon graduation from high school or  
30 college.

31 (3) The department shall select a provider that  
32 delivers a program that meets the following criteria:

33 (a) Provides an activity program that is led by  
34 teachers who are fully certified to teach in STEM-related  
35 subjects in grades nine through twelve under the laws  
36 governing the certification of teachers in Missouri; and

37 (b) Facilitates a cohort of students in grades nine  
38 through twelve to participate in STEM-related activities at  
39 state, national, or international competitions.

40 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 2 and  
41 3 of this section to the contrary, the department of  
42 elementary and secondary education may choose a third-party  
43 nonprofit entity to implement the statewide program, solicit  
44 proposals, and select a provider as described under  
45 subsection 3 of this section.

46 5. There is hereby created in the state treasury the  
47 "STEM Career Awareness Activity Fund". The fund shall  
48 consist of any appropriations, gifts, bequests, or public or  
49 private donations to such fund. The state treasurer shall

50 be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections  
51 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve  
52 disbursements of public moneys in accordance with  
53 distribution requirements and procedures developed by the  
54 department of elementary and secondary education. The fund  
55 shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in  
56 the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this  
57 section. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the  
58 fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any  
59 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be  
60 credited to the fund.

61 6. The department of elementary and secondary  
62 education may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations  
63 for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion  
64 of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that  
65 is created under the authority delegated in this section  
66 shall become effective only if it complies with and is  
67 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if  
68 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536  
69 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the  
70 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay  
71 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
72 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of  
73 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after  
74 the effective date of this act shall be invalid and void.

172.280. The curators shall have the authority to  
2 confer, by diploma, under their common seal, on any person  
3 whom they may judge worthy thereof, such degrees as are  
4 known to and usually granted by any college or university.  
5 The University of Missouri is the state's only public  
6 research university [and the exclusive grantor of research  
7 doctorates]. As such, [except as provided in section  
8 175.040,] the University of Missouri shall be the only state



9 college or university that may offer research doctorates,  
10 doctor of philosophy degrees, or first-professional degrees,  
11 including dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, and  
12 veterinary medicine, except as provided in sections 174.160  
13 and 175.040.

173.612. 1. The board shall, through the department  
2 of higher education and workforce development, administer,  
3 supervise, and enforce the provisions and policies of  
4 sections 173.600 to 173.618 and shall assign the personnel  
5 that are necessary to exercise its powers and duties.

6 2. The rules and regulations adopted by the board  
7 under sections 173.600 to 173.618, together with any  
8 amendments thereto, shall be filed with the office of the  
9 secretary of state. The board may:

10 (1) Issue proprietary school certificates of approval  
11 or temporary certificates of approval to applicants meeting  
12 the requirements of sections 173.600 to 173.618;

13 (2) Suspend or revoke certificates or temporary  
14 certificates of approval, or place certified schools on  
15 probation;

16 (3) Require each proprietary school to file a security  
17 bond with the board, through the state department of higher  
18 education and workforce development, covering the school and  
19 its agents to indemnify any student, enrollee or parent,  
20 guardian, or sponsor of a student or enrollee who suffers  
21 loss or damage because of a violation of sections 173.600 to  
22 173.618 by the school, or because a student is unable to  
23 complete [the] a course or program due to the school's  
24 ceasing operation or because a student does not receive a  
25 refund to which [he] such student is entitled. In the event  
26 a student, enrollee, or parent, guardian, or sponsor of a  
27 student or enrollee suffers loss or damage because of a  
28 violation of sections 173.600 to 173.618 by the school, or a

29 student or enrollee is unable to complete a course or  
30 program due to the school ceasing operations, or because a  
31 student or enrollee does not receive a refund to which such  
32 student or enrollee is entitled, the school shall forfeit  
33 the entirety of the security bond to the department and the  
34 department shall use proceeds to indemnify students and  
35 enrollees and to secure and administer student and enrollee  
36 records as appropriate. The bond or other security shall  
37 cover all the facilities and locations of a proprietary  
38 school and shall not be less than five thousand dollars or  
39 ten percent of the preceding year's gross tuition, whichever  
40 is greater, but in no case shall it exceed one hundred  
41 thousand dollars. The bond shall clearly state that the  
42 school and the agents of the school are covered by it. The  
43 board may authorize the use of certificates of deposit,  
44 letters of credit, or other assets to be posted as security  
45 in lieu of this surety bond requirement;

46 (4) Collect only that data from certified proprietary  
47 schools necessary to administer, supervise, and enforce the  
48 provisions of sections 173.600 to 173.619. The department  
49 shall, subject to appropriations, provide a system to  
50 electronically submit all data;

51 (5) Review proposals for new programs within ninety  
52 days from the date that a certified school submits a new  
53 program for review, and review proposals for revised  
54 programs within sixty days from the date that a certified  
55 school submits a revised program for review. If the  
56 department fails to review a proposal for a new or revised  
57 program within the prescribed time frame, the school shall  
58 be permitted to offer the program until the department  
59 completes its review and identifies a substantive issue or  
60 issues that need correction. In such case the department  
61 shall notify the school within an additional ninety days and

62 the school shall then have ninety days from the date it is  
63 informed that a program offering has a deficiency to correct  
64 the deficiency without having to cease offering the program;

65 (6) Administer sections 173.600 to 173.618 and  
66 initiate action to enforce it.

67 3. Any school [which] that closes or whose certificate  
68 of approval is suspended, revoked, or not renewed shall, on  
69 the approval of the coordinating board, make partial or full  
70 refund of tuition and fees to the students enrolled,  
71 continue operation under a temporary certificate until  
72 students enrolled have completed the program for which they  
73 were enrolled, make arrangements for another school or  
74 schools to complete the instruction for which the students  
75 are enrolled, employ a combination of these methods in order  
76 to fulfill its obligations to the students, or implement  
77 other plans approved by the coordinating board.

78 4. Any rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant  
79 to sections 173.600 to 173.618 may be suspended by the joint  
80 [house-senate] committee on administrative rules until such  
81 time as the general assembly may by concurrent resolution  
82 signed by the governor reinstate such rule.

173.616. 1. The following schools, training programs,  
2 and courses of instruction shall be exempt from the  
3 provisions of sections 173.600 to 173.618:

4 (1) A public institution;

5 (2) Any college or university represented directly or  
6 indirectly on the advisory committee of the coordinating  
7 board for higher education as provided in subsection 3 of  
8 section 173.005;

9 (3) An institution that is certified by the board as  
10 an approved private institution under subdivision (2) of  
11 subsection 1 of section 173.1102;

12           (4) A not-for-profit religious school that is  
13 accredited by the American Association of Bible Colleges,  
14 the Association of Theological Schools in the United States  
15 and Canada, or a regional accrediting association, such as  
16 the North Central Association, which is recognized by the  
17 Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and the United States  
18 Department of Education; and

19           (5) Beginning July 1, 2008, all out-of-state public  
20 institutions of higher education, as such term is defined in  
21 subdivision (14) of subsection 2 of section 173.005.

22           2. The coordinating board shall exempt the following  
23 schools, training programs and courses of instruction from  
24 the provisions of sections 173.600 to 173.618:

25           (1) A not-for-profit school owned, controlled, and  
26 operated by a bona fide religious or denominational  
27 organization **[which]** that offers no programs or degrees and  
28 grants no degrees or certificates other than those  
29 specifically designated as theological, bible, divinity, or  
30 other religious designation;

31           (2) A not-for-profit school owned, controlled, and  
32 operated by a bona fide eleemosynary organization **[which]**  
33 that provides instruction with no financial charge to its  
34 students and at which no part of the instructional cost is  
35 defrayed by or through programs of governmental student  
36 financial aid, including grants and loans, provided directly  
37 to or for individual students;

38           (3) A school **[which]** that offers instruction only in  
39 subject areas **[which]** that are primarily for avocational or  
40 recreational purposes as distinct from courses to teach  
41 employable, marketable knowledge or skills, **[which]** that  
42 does not advertise occupational objectives, and **[which]** that  
43 does not grant degrees;

44 (4) A course of instruction~~[,]~~ or study or a training  
45 program sponsored by an employer for the training and  
46 preparation of its own employees;

47 (5) A course of instruction or study or a training  
48 program offered by a training provider as part of a  
49 registered apprenticeship, as approved by the United States  
50 Department of Labor;

51 (6) A course of instruction or study or a training  
52 program offered by a training provider as part of a  
53 preapprenticeship approved by the office of workforce  
54 development in the state department of higher education and  
55 workforce development as determined by reference to  
56 standards promulgated by the department;

57 (7) A course of study or instruction conducted by a  
58 trade, business, or professional organization with a closed  
59 membership where participation in the course is limited to  
60 bona fide members of the trade, business, or professional  
61 organization, or a course of instruction for persons in  
62 preparation for an examination given by a state board or  
63 commission where the state board or commission approves that  
64 course and school;

65 [(6)] (8) A school or person whose clientele are  
66 primarily students aged sixteen or under;

67 [(7)] (9) A yoga teacher training course, program, or  
68 school.

69 3. A school ~~[which]~~ that is otherwise licensed and  
70 approved under ~~[and pursuant to]~~ any other licensing law of  
71 this state shall be exempt from sections 173.600 to 173.618,  
72 but a state certificate of incorporation shall not  
73 constitute licensing for the purpose of sections 173.600 to  
74 173.618.

75 4. Any school, training program, or course of  
76 instruction exempted herein may elect by majority action of

77 its governing body or by action of its director to apply for  
78 approval of the school, training program, or course of  
79 instruction under the provisions of sections 173.600 to  
80 173.618. Upon application to and approval by the  
81 coordinating board, such school, training program, or course  
82 of instruction may become exempt from the provisions of  
83 sections 173.600 to 173.618 at any subsequent time, except  
84 the board shall not approve an application for exemption if  
85 the approved school is then in any status of noncompliance  
86 with certification standards and a reversion to exempt  
87 status shall not relieve the school of any liability for  
88 indemnification or any penalty for noncompliance with  
89 certification standards during the period of the school's  
90 approved status.

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

3 (1) "Approved institution", any approved private  
4 institution, approved public institution, or approved  
5 virtual institution, as such terms are defined in section  
6 173.1102, that is located in this state, has been approved  
7 under 6 CSR 10-2.140, and has been approved to participate  
8 in the federal student financial assistance programs created  
9 under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as  
10 amended;

11 (2) "CGPA", a student's cumulative grade-point average  
12 as calculated based on the policies of the student's  
13 approved institution as such policies are applied to other  
14 students in similar circumstances;

15 (3) "Department", the department of higher education  
16 and workforce development;

17 (4) "Initial recipient", a student who qualifies for  
18 initial financial assistance under section 173.1104, has  
19 received an award under the access Missouri financial

20 assistance program established in sections 173.1101 to  
21 173.1107, and has not received a STEM grant in any prior  
22 academic year;

23 (5) "Renewal recipient", a student who qualifies for  
24 renewed financial assistance under section 173.1104, has  
25 received an award under the access Missouri financial  
26 assistance program established in sections 173.1101 to  
27 173.1107, and has received a STEM grant;

28 (6) "Satisfactory academic progress":

29 (a) For a student's grade-point average, a CGPA of at  
30 least two and one-half on a four-point scale or the  
31 equivalent on another scale; and

32 (b) For determinations of academic progress other than  
33 grade-point average, the institution's measures of a  
34 student's academic progress as otherwise determined by the  
35 approved institution's policies as applied to other students  
36 at the approved institution receiving assistance from  
37 federal student financial assistance programs created under  
38 Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended;

39 (7) "STEM degree", an associate's degree, bachelor's  
40 degree, or certificate in a STEM field;

41 (8) "STEM field", a field of study involving science,  
42 technology, engineering, or mathematics including, but not  
43 limited to:

44 (a) Agriculture and related sciences;

45 (b) Computer science;

46 (c) Information technology and information systems;

47 (d) STEM-related education;

48 (e) Engineering;

49 (f) Biological and biomedical sciences;

50 (g) Mathematics and statistics; and

51 (h) Physical sciences;

52           (9) "STEM grant", a renewable award of one thousand  
53 five hundred dollars of financial assistance granted under  
54 this section.

55           2. Subject to appropriation, the department shall make  
56 available a STEM grant to a student of an approved  
57 institution who is an initial recipient or a renewal  
58 recipient and who has committed to a program of study that  
59 will result in a STEM degree at an approved institution as  
60 provided in this section. No student shall receive more  
61 than six thousand dollars of STEM grants under this section.

62           3. A renewal recipient may continue to receive a STEM  
63 grant as long as such recipient:

64           (1) Maintains satisfactory academic progress;

65           (2) Continues to meet eligibility criteria under the  
66 access Missouri financial assistance program established  
67 under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107; and

68           (3) Has not exceeded five semesters at an approved two-  
69 year institution or a total of ten semesters or fifteen  
70 quarters at an approved four-year institution or any  
71 combination of approved institutions.

72           4. No STEM grant shall be awarded under this section  
73 to a student who also received an award under the access  
74 Missouri financial assistance program after:

75           (1) A baccalaureate degree has been granted to the  
76 student;

77           (2) The hours or the equivalent to the hours required  
78 for a baccalaureate degree have been completed by the  
79 student; or

80           (3) The student has completed coursework equal to:

81           (a) One hundred fifty semester hours or the  
82 equivalent; or

83           (b) Two hundred twenty-five quarter hours or the  
84 equivalent.



85           5. The department may promulgate all necessary rules  
86 and regulations for the administration of this section. Any  
87 rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in  
88 section 536.010, that is created under the authority  
89 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it  
90 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of  
91 chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This  
92 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the  
93 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter  
94 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove  
95 and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,  
96 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed  
97 or adopted after the effective date of this section shall be  
98 invalid and void.

99           6. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

100           (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under  
101 this section shall automatically sunset six years after the  
102 effective date of this section unless reauthorized by an act  
103 of the general assembly; and

104           (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program  
105 authorized under this section shall automatically sunset  
106 twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization  
107 of this section; and

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

173.836. 1. This section shall be known and may be  
2 cited as the "Career-Tech Certificate (CTC) Program".

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

4           (1) "Approved institution", an institution of  
5 postsecondary education that is subject to the coordinating  
6 board for higher education under section 173.005, offers

7 eligible programs of study or training programs, and is at  
8 least one of the following:

9 (a) A public community college or vocational or  
10 technical school as provided under subsection 8 of section  
11 160.545;

12 (b) A two-year private vocational or technical school  
13 authorized to obtain reimbursements under subsection 8 of  
14 section 160.545 as provided under subsection 10 of section  
15 160.545;

16 (c) An approved virtual institution, as defined in  
17 section 173.1102; or

18 (d) An eligible training provider;

19 (2) "Department", the department of higher education  
20 and workforce development;

21 (3) "Eligible program of study", a program of  
22 instruction for which the required length for completion of  
23 such program does not exceed the equivalent of sixty credit  
24 hours or the equivalent under a different measure of student  
25 progress and that results in the award of a non-graduate-  
26 level certificate or other industry-recognized credential  
27 below the graduate level that has been designated by the  
28 coordinating board for higher education as preparing  
29 students to enter an area of occupational shortage as  
30 determined and updated annually by such board under  
31 subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of section 173.2553;

32 (4) "Eligible student", any student that meets the  
33 eligibility requirements for reimbursement of tuition,  
34 books, and fees under the "A+ Schools Program" created in  
35 section 160.545, or any student who has earned a career and  
36 technical education (CTE) certificate pursuant to the  
37 provisions of section 170.029 and in accordance with  
38 criteria outlined by the department of elementary and  
39 secondary education, provided that such student has not

40 received a reimbursement for tuition, books, or fees under  
41 section 160.545;

42 (5) "Eligible training provider", a training  
43 organization listed in the state of Missouri eligible  
44 training provider system maintained by the office of  
45 workforce development in the department of higher education  
46 and workforce development that is not a four-year  
47 institution of higher education;

48 (6) "Training program", a program of study that leads  
49 to a certificate or degree and is offered by an approved  
50 institution but that does not meet the length-of-program  
51 requirements for an eligible program under 34 CFR 668.8, as  
52 amended. The term includes, but is not limited to:

53 (a) Certified nurse assistant (CNA) programs;  
54 (b) Certified medication technician (CMT) programs;  
55 (c) Level 1 medication aide (L1MA) programs;  
56 (d) Insulin administration programs;  
57 (e) Emergency medical technician (EMT) programs;  
58 (f) Advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT)  
59 programs;

60 (g) Paramedic programs as described in chapter 190; or  
61 (h) Commercial driver's license (CDL) programs.

62 3. (1) Beginning in the 2026-27 academic year and for  
63 all subsequent academic years, the department shall, by  
64 rule, establish a procedure for the reimbursement of the  
65 costs of tuition, books, and fees from the career-tech  
66 certificate (CTC) program fund to the approved institution  
67 at which an eligible student is enrolled in an eligible  
68 program of study or a training program.

69 (2) No tuition reimbursements in excess of the tuition  
70 rate charged by a public community college for coursework  
71 offered by a two-year private vocational or technical  
72 school, approved virtual institution as defined under

73 section 173.1102, or eligible training provider within the  
74 service area of such college shall be reimbursed under this  
75 section. This limitation shall not apply to a public  
76 vocational or technical school.

77 (3) (a) If a public community college or vocational  
78 or technical school offers the same or a substantially  
79 similar eligible program of study or training program as a  
80 private vocational or technical school, virtual institution,  
81 or eligible training provider at which an eligible student  
82 intends to enroll and the school or provider is located in  
83 the service region of the public community college or  
84 vocational or technical school that offers the same or  
85 similar program of study or training program, no tuition  
86 reimbursement shall be provided under this section for such  
87 eligible student unless, before the eligible student enrolls:

88 a. The private vocational or technical school, virtual  
89 institution, or eligible training provider requests  
90 authorization from the department for such tuition  
91 reimbursement; and

92 b. The department authorizes such request.

93 (b) The department shall:

94 a. Develop and adopt a tuition reimbursement  
95 authorization request form and a procedure for submitting  
96 such request;

97 b. Review and either authorize or deny such request  
98 within twenty business days of receiving an accurate,  
99 complete, and properly submitted request; and

100 c. If the department denies such request, provide the  
101 educational entity and the eligible student with the reasons  
102 for such denial.

103 (c) The department shall not deny a tuition  
104 reimbursement authorization request without good cause, as  
105 determined by the department on a case-by-case basis.

106           (4) The reimbursements provided under this section to  
107 a two-year private vocational or technical school, approved  
108 virtual institution as defined under section 173.1102, or  
109 eligible training provider shall not violate the provisions  
110 of Article IX, Section 8, or Article I, Section 7, of the  
111 Constitution of Missouri or the First Amendment to the  
112 Constitution of the United States.

113           4. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury  
114 the "Career-Tech Certificate (CTC) Program Fund", which  
115 shall consist of any moneys appropriated annually by the  
116 general assembly, gifts, bequests, grants, public or private  
117 donations, or transfers. The state treasurer shall be  
118 custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170  
119 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements.  
120 The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation,  
121 moneys in this fund shall be used solely for reimbursements  
122 as provided in this section.

123           (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080  
124 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end  
125 of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the  
126 general revenue fund.

127           (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the  
128 fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any  
129 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be  
130 credited to the fund.

131           5. No rule promulgated by the department under this  
132 section shall prohibit students enrolled in an eligible  
133 program of study or a training program from qualifying for  
134 tuition reimbursement under this section solely because the  
135 eligible program of study or training program does not meet  
136 the length-of-program requirements for an eligible program  
137 under 34 CFR 668.8, as amended, or because the eligible

138 training provider at which a student enrolls does not  
139 participate in federal student aid programs.

140 6. Eligibility for tuition, books, and fees  
141 reimbursement to an approved institution as provided under  
142 this section shall expire upon the earliest of:

143 (1) Receipt of the reimbursement for the required  
144 length for completion of such program as determined by the  
145 department;

146 (2) A student's successful completion of an eligible  
147 program of study or training program; or

148 (3) A student's completion of one hundred fifty  
149 percent of the time usually required to complete an eligible  
150 program of study or training program.

151 7. The department may promulgate all necessary rules  
152 and regulations for the implementation and administration of  
153 this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term  
154 is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the  
155 authority delegated in this section shall become effective  
156 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the  
157 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section  
158 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and  
159 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
160 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective  
161 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently  
162 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
163 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after the  
164 effective date of this act shall be invalid and void.

173.1102. 1. As used in sections 173.1101 to  
2 173.1107, unless the context requires otherwise, the  
3 following terms mean:

4 (1) "Academic year", the period from July first of any  
5 year through June thirtieth of the following year;

6           (2) "Approved private institution", a nonprofit  
7 institution, dedicated to educational purposes, located in  
8 Missouri which:

9           (a) Is operated privately under the control of an  
10 independent board and not directly controlled or  
11 administered by any public agency or political subdivision;

12           (b) Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at  
13 least six months in length leading to or directly creditable  
14 toward a certificate or degree;

15           (c) Meets the standards for accreditation as  
16 determined by either the Higher Learning Commission or by  
17 other accrediting bodies recognized by the United States  
18 Department of Education or by utilizing accreditation  
19 standards applicable to nondegree-granting institutions as  
20 established by the coordinating board for higher education;

21           (d) Does not discriminate in the hiring of  
22 administrators, faculty and staff or in the admission of  
23 students on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or  
24 national origin and is in compliance with the Federal Civil  
25 Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 and executive orders issued  
26 pursuant thereto. Sex discrimination as used herein shall  
27 not apply to admission practices of institutions offering  
28 the enrollment limited to one sex;

29           (e) Permits faculty members to select textbooks  
30 without influence or pressure by any religious or sectarian  
31 source;

32           (3) "Approved public institution", an educational  
33 institution located in Missouri which:

34           (a) Is directly controlled or administered by a public  
35 agency or political subdivision;

36           (b) Receives appropriations directly or indirectly  
37 from the general assembly for operating expenses;

38 (c) Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at  
39 least six months in length leading to or directly creditable  
40 toward a degree or certificate;

41 (d) Meets the standards for accreditation as  
42 determined by either the Higher Learning Commission, or if a  
43 public community college created under the provisions of  
44 sections 178.370 to 178.400 meets the standards established  
45 by the coordinating board for higher education for such  
46 public community colleges, or by other accrediting bodies  
47 recognized by the United States Department of Education or  
48 by utilizing accreditation standards applicable to the  
49 institution as established by the coordinating board for  
50 higher education;

51 (e) Does not discriminate in the hiring of  
52 administrators, faculty and staff or in the admission of  
53 students on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or  
54 national origin and is otherwise in compliance with the  
55 Federal Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 and executive  
56 orders issued pursuant thereto;

57 (f) Permits faculty members to select textbooks  
58 without influence or pressure by any religious or sectarian  
59 source;

60 (4) "Approved virtual institution", an educational  
61 institution that meets all of the following requirements:

62 (a) Is recognized as a qualifying institution by  
63 gubernatorial executive order, unless such order is  
64 rescinded;

65 (b) Is recognized as a qualifying institution through  
66 a memorandum of understanding between the state of Missouri  
67 and the approved virtual institution;

68 (c) Is accredited by a regional accrediting agency  
69 recognized by the United States Department of Education;



70 (d) Has established and continuously maintains a  
71 physical campus or location of operation within the state of  
72 Missouri;

73 (e) Maintains at least twenty-five full-time Missouri  
74 employees, at least one-half of which shall be faculty or  
75 administrators engaged in operations;

76 (f) Enrolls at least one thousand Missouri residents  
77 as degree- or certificate-seeking students;

78 (g) Maintains a governing body or advisory board based  
79 in Missouri with oversight of Missouri operations;

80 (h) Is organized as a nonprofit institution; and

81 (i) Utilizes an exclusively competency-based education  
82 model;

83 (5) "Coordinating board", the coordinating board for  
84 higher education;

85 (6) ["Expected family contribution", the amount of  
86 money a student and family should pay toward the cost of  
87 postsecondary education as calculated by the United States  
88 Department of Education and reported on the student aid  
89 report or the institutional student information record;

90 (7)] "Financial assistance", an amount of money paid  
91 by the state of Missouri to a qualified applicant under  
92 sections 173.1101 to 173.1107;

93 [(8)] (7) "Full-time student", an individual who is  
94 enrolled in and is carrying a sufficient number of credit  
95 hours or their equivalent at an approved private, public, or  
96 virtual institution to secure the degree or certificate  
97 toward which he or she is working in no more than the number  
98 of semesters or their equivalent normally required by that  
99 institution in the program in which the individual is  
100 enrolled. This definition shall be construed as the  
101 successor to subdivision (7) of section 173.205 for purposes

102 of eligibility requirements of other financial assistance  
103 programs that refer to section 173.205;

104 (8) "Student aid index", the amount of money a student  
105 and family should pay toward the cost of postsecondary  
106 education as calculated by the United States Department of  
107 Education and reported on the student aid report or the  
108 institutional student information record.

109 2. The failure of an approved virtual institution to  
110 continuously maintain all of the requirements in paragraphs  
111 (a) to (i) of subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this  
112 section shall preclude such institution's students or  
113 applicants from being eligible for assistance under sections  
114 173.1104 and 173.1105.

173.1103. 1. The coordinating board shall be the  
2 administrative agency for the implementation of the program  
3 established by sections 173.1101 to 173.1107. The  
4 coordinating board shall promulgate reasonable rules and  
5 regulations for the exercise of its functions and the  
6 effectuation of the purposes of sections 173.1101 to  
7 173.1107. It shall prescribe the form and the time and  
8 method of filing applications and supervise the processing  
9 thereof. The coordinating board shall determine the  
10 criteria for eligibility of applicants and shall evaluate  
11 each applicant's [expected family contribution] student aid  
12 index. It shall select qualified recipients to receive  
13 financial assistance, make such awards of financial  
14 assistance to qualified recipients, and determine the manner  
15 and method of payment to the recipient.

16 2. The coordinating board shall determine eligibility  
17 for renewed assistance on the basis of annual applications  
18 and annual evaluations of [expected family contribution]  
19 student aid index. In awarding renewal grants, the  
20 coordinating board may increase or decrease the amount of

21 financial assistance to an applicant if such action is  
22 warranted by a change in the financial condition of the  
23 applicant, the applicant's spouse or parents, or the  
24 availability of funds for that year. As a condition to  
25 consideration for initial or renewed assistance, the  
26 coordinating board may require the applicant, the  
27 applicant's spouse and parents to execute forms of consent  
28 authorizing the director of revenue of Missouri to compare  
29 financial information submitted by the applicant with the  
30 Missouri individual income tax returns of the applicant, the  
31 applicant's spouse and parents for the taxable year  
32 immediately preceding the year for which application is  
33 made, and to report any discrepancies to the coordinating  
34 board.

35 3. There is hereby created in the state treasury the  
36 "Access Missouri Financial Assistance Fund". The state  
37 treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may approve  
38 disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections  
39 30.170 and 30.180. Upon appropriation, money in the fund  
40 shall be used solely to provide financial assistance to  
41 qualified applicants as provided by sections 173.1101 to  
42 173.1107. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080  
43 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end  
44 of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the  
45 general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest  
46 moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are  
47 invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such  
48 investments shall be credited to the fund.

173.1105. 1. An applicant who is an undergraduate  
2 postsecondary student at an approved private, public, or  
3 virtual institution and who meets the other eligibility  
4 criteria shall be eligible for financial assistance, with a  
5 minimum and maximum award amount as follows:

6 (1) For academic years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, and  
7 2013-14:

8 (a) One thousand dollars maximum and three hundred  
9 dollars minimum for students attending institutions  
10 classified as part of the public two-year sector;

11 (b) Two thousand one hundred fifty dollars maximum and  
12 one thousand dollars minimum for students attending  
13 institutions classified as part of the public four-year  
14 sector, including State Technical College of Missouri; and

15 (c) Four thousand six hundred dollars maximum and two  
16 thousand dollars minimum for students attending approved  
17 private institutions;

18 (2) For the 2014-15 academic year and subsequent  
19 years through the 2024-25 academic year:

20 (a) One thousand three hundred dollars maximum and  
21 three hundred dollars minimum for students attending  
22 institutions classified as part of the public two-year  
23 sector; and

24 (b) Two thousand eight hundred fifty dollars maximum  
25 and one thousand five hundred dollars minimum for students  
26 attending institutions classified as part of the public four-  
27 year sector, including State Technical College of Missouri,  
28 approved private institutions, or approved virtual  
29 institutions; and

30 (3) For the 2025-26 academic year and all subsequent  
31 academic years:

32 (a) One thousand seven hundred dollars maximum and  
33 five hundred dollars minimum for students attending  
34 institutions classified as part of the public two-year  
35 sector; and

36 (b) Three thousand five hundred dollars maximum and  
37 one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars minimum for  
38 students attending institutions classified as part of the

39 public four-year sector, including State Technical College  
40 of Missouri, approved private institutions, or approved  
41 virtual institutions.

42 2. All students with [an expected family contribution]  
43 a student aid index of twelve thousand dollars or less shall  
44 receive at least the minimum award amount for his or her  
45 institution. Maximum award amounts for an eligible student  
46 with [an expected family contribution] a student aid index  
47 above seven thousand dollars shall be reduced by ten percent  
48 of the maximum [expected family contribution] student aid  
49 index for his or her increment group. Any award amount  
50 shall be reduced by the amount of a student's payment from  
51 the A+ schools program or any successor program to it. For  
52 purposes of this subsection, the term "increment group"  
53 shall mean a group organized by [expected family  
54 contribution] student aid index in five hundred dollar  
55 increments into which all eligible students shall be placed.

56 3. If appropriated funds are insufficient to fund the  
57 program as described, the maximum award shall be reduced  
58 across all sectors by the percentage of the shortfall. If  
59 appropriated funds exceed the amount necessary to fund the  
60 program, the additional funds shall be used to increase the  
61 number of recipients by either extending the deadline for  
62 filing an application or raising the cutoff for the  
63 [expected family contribution] student aid index rather than  
64 by increasing the size of the award, as determined by the  
65 department.

66 4. Every three years, beginning with the 2025-26  
67 academic year [2009-10], the award amount may be adjusted to  
68 increase no more than the Consumer Price Index for All Urban  
69 Consumers (CPI-U), 1982-1984 = 100, not seasonally adjusted,  
70 as defined and officially recorded by the United States  
71 Department of Labor, or its successor agency, for the

72 previous academic year. The coordinating board shall  
73 prepare a report prior to the legislative session for use of  
74 the general assembly and the governor in determining budget  
75 requests which shall include the amount of funds necessary  
76 to maintain full funding of the program based on the  
77 baseline established for the program upon the effective date  
78 of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107. Any increase in the award  
79 amount shall not become effective unless an increase in the  
80 amount of money appropriated to the program necessary to  
81 cover the increase in award amount is passed by the general  
82 assembly.

174.160. 1. The board of regents of each state  
2 college and each state teachers college shall have power and  
3 authority to confer upon students, by diploma under the  
4 common seal, such degrees as are usually granted by such  
5 colleges, and additional degrees only when authorized by the  
6 coordinating board for higher education in circumstances in  
7 which offering such degree would not unnecessarily duplicate  
8 an existing program, collaboration is not feasible or a  
9 viable means of meeting the needs of students and employers,  
10 and the institution has the academic and financial capacity  
11 to offer the program in a high-quality manner. In the case  
12 of nonresearch doctoral degrees in allied health  
13 professions, an institution may be authorized to offer such  
14 degree independently if offering it in collaboration with  
15 another institution would not increase the quality of the  
16 program or allow it to be delivered more efficiently. Such  
17 boards shall have the power and authority to confer degrees  
18 in engineering only in collaboration with the University of  
19 Missouri, provided that such collaborative agreements are  
20 approved by the governing board of each institution and that  
21 in these instances the University of Missouri will be the  
22 degree-granting institution. Should the University of

23 Missouri decline to collaborate in the offering of such  
24 programs, one of these institutions may seek approval of the  
25 program through the coordinating board for higher  
26 education's comprehensive review process when doing so would  
27 not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program,  
28 collaboration is not feasible or a viable means of meeting  
29 the needs of students and employers, and the institution has  
30 the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in  
31 a high-quality manner.

32 2. Notwithstanding sections 172.280 and 174.225, the  
33 board of governors of Missouri State University shall have  
34 the power and authority to grant doctor of philosophy  
35 degrees in disciplines other than engineering and to grant  
36 bachelor of science degrees in veterinary technology.

174.231. 1. On and after August 28, 2005, the  
2 institution formerly known as Missouri Southern State  
3 College located in Joplin, Jasper County, shall be known as  
4 "Missouri Southern State University". Missouri Southern  
5 State University is hereby designated and shall hereafter be  
6 operated as a statewide institution of international or  
7 global education. The Missouri Southern State University is  
8 hereby designated a moderately selective institution which  
9 shall provide associate degree programs except as provided  
10 in subsection 2 of this section, baccalaureate degree  
11 programs, and graduate degree programs pursuant to  
12 subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection 2 of section  
13 173.005. The institution shall develop such academic  
14 support programs and public service activities it deems  
15 necessary and appropriate to establish international or  
16 global education as a distinctive theme of its mission.

17 2. As of July 1, 2008, Missouri Southern State  
18 University shall discontinue any and all associate degree  
19 programs unless the continuation of such associate degree

20 programs is approved by the coordinating board for higher  
21 education pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of  
22 section 173.005.

23 3. As of August 28, 2025, Missouri Southern State  
24 University shall have a statewide mission designation of  
25 international or global education, health and life sciences,  
26 and in immersive learning experiences.

178.786. 1. The coordinating board for higher  
2 education, with the assistance of an advisory committee  
3 composed of representatives from each public community  
4 college in this state and each public four-year institution  
5 of higher education, shall develop a recommended lower  
6 division core curriculum of forty-two semester credit hours,  
7 including a statement of the content, component areas, and  
8 objectives of the core curriculum. A majority of the  
9 members of the advisory committee shall be faculty members  
10 from Missouri public institutions of higher education.

11 2. The coordinating board shall approve a common  
12 course numbering equivalency matrix for the forty-two credit  
13 hour block at all institutions of higher education in the  
14 state to facilitate the transfer of those courses among  
15 institutions of higher education by promoting consistency in  
16 course designation and course identification. Each  
17 community college and four-year institution of higher  
18 education shall include in its course listings the  
19 applicable course numbers from the common course numbering  
20 equivalency matrix approved by the coordinating board under  
21 this subsection.

22 3. The coordinating board shall complete the  
23 requirements of subsections 1 and 2 of this section prior to  
24 January 1, 2018, for implementation of the core curriculum  
25 transfer recommendations for the 2018-19 academic year for  
26 all public institutions of higher education.



27           4. The coordinating board, with the assistance of an  
28 advisory committee composed of an equal number of  
29 representatives from each public community college in this  
30 state and each public four-year institution of higher  
31 education in this state, shall approve a separate sixty-  
32 credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency  
33 block and a common course numbering equivalency matrix for  
34 each of the following degree program areas:

- 35           (1) General business;
- 36           (2) Elementary education and teaching;
- 37           (3) General psychology;
- 38           (4) Nursing; and
- 39           (5) General biology or biological science, or both.

40           5. (1) Any Missouri public community college or  
41 public four-year institution of higher education offering  
42 degree programs in one or more of the areas indicated in  
43 subdivisions (1) to (5) of subsection 4 of this section  
44 shall adopt the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-  
45 division course equivalency block and common course  
46 numbering equivalency matrix for such degree programs. Such  
47 institutions shall, in collaboration with the coordinating  
48 board and the advisory committee, develop an articulation  
49 pathway for each of the identified programmatic areas.

50           (2) Such community colleges shall modify existing or  
51 may develop new associate of arts or associate of science  
52 degree programs that align with the sixty-credit-hour,  
53 transferable, lower-division course equivalency block,  
54 pending institutional and coordinating board approval.

55           (3) Such public four-year institutions of higher  
56 education shall modify existing or may develop new bachelor  
57 of arts or bachelor of science degree programs, with the  
58 first sixty hours aligning with an associate degree  
59 developed under subsection 4 of this section, and with the

60 remaining credit hours determined by such institution's  
61 faculty through standard procedures, pending institutional  
62 and coordinating board approval.

63 (4) A program modified or developed under subsection 4  
64 of this section shall be granted, by the coordinating board,  
65 a special designation indicating that such program has been  
66 developed to provide a single articulation pathway to a four-  
67 year degree at any Missouri public four-year institution of  
68 higher education offering such program. The goal of such  
69 designation shall be to provide transparency to students  
70 seeking a single articulation pathway to a given  
71 baccalaureate degree program.

72 (5) No institution of higher education in this state  
73 shall be required to adopt the sixty-credit-hour,  
74 transferable, lower-division course equivalency block for  
75 degree programs not offered at the institution.

76 (6) Program development at each public institution of  
77 higher education shall be completed in time for courses in  
78 the sixty credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course  
79 equivalency block to be included in the 2028-29 catalog at  
80 each institution providing degree programs in the areas  
81 listed in subdivisions (1) to (5) of subsection 4 of this  
82 section.

83 (7) The coordinating board shall maintain a website  
84 providing students with clear information on the single  
85 articulation pathways developed under this subsection.

86 6. (1) If a student successfully completes the sixty-  
87 credit-hour, transferable, lower-division courses at a  
88 community college or other public institution of higher  
89 education in this state, such block of courses may, upon the  
90 student's admission to such institution and such academic  
91 program, be transferred to any other public institution of  
92 higher education in this state and shall be substituted for

93 the receiving institution's lower-division block for the  
94 corresponding degree program. A student shall receive  
95 academic credit toward the student's degree for each of the  
96 courses transferred and shall not be required to take  
97 additional equivalent courses at the receiving institution  
98 for the same degree program. This subdivision shall not be  
99 applicable to institutions not offering a program identified  
100 in subdivisions (1) to (5) of subsection 4 of this section  
101 or to any other degree programs not specified in  
102 subdivisions (1) to (5) of subsection 4 of this section.

103 (2) Due to program size limitations established for  
104 each institution by the state board of nursing, admissions  
105 to undergraduate nursing programs shall be considered on a  
106 space available basis and contingent upon students meeting  
107 program admissions requirements. Additional courses may be  
108 required to complete the bachelor's degree.

109 7. A student who transfers from one public institution  
110 of higher education in this state to another public  
111 institution of higher education in this state without  
112 completing the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-  
113 division course equivalency block of the sending institution  
114 shall receive academic credit toward the corresponding  
115 degree program from the receiving institution for each of  
116 the courses that the student has successfully completed in  
117 the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower division course  
118 equivalency block of the sending institution. Following  
119 receipt of credit for such courses, the student may be  
120 required to satisfy further course requirements in the sixty-  
121 credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency  
122 block of the receiving institution. This subsection shall  
123 not be applicable to institutions not offering a program  
124 identified in subdivisions (1) to (5) of subsection 4 of

125 this section or to any other degree programs not specified  
126 in subdivisions (1) to (5) of subsection 4 of this section.

127 8. The coordinating board shall report to the house  
128 higher education committee and the senate education  
129 committee on progress related to the requirements of  
130 subsections 4 to 11 of this section before December 31, 2026.

131 9. The coordinating board shall develop criteria to  
132 annually evaluate the effectiveness of the lower-division  
133 course equivalency block and common course numbering  
134 equivalency matrix for the degree programs listed in  
135 subdivisions (1) to (5) of subsection 4 of this section.

136 10. The coordinating board shall develop:

137 (1) Procedures to be followed by public institutions  
138 of higher education in resolving disputes concerning the  
139 inclusion or exclusion of a particular course in the lower-  
140 division course equivalency block and common course  
141 numbering equivalency matrix at a particular institution; and

142 (2) An appeals process for students enrolled in the  
143 degree programs listed in subdivisions (1) to (5) of  
144 subsection 4 of this section in the event that an  
145 institution fails to award academic credit to such student  
146 as provided in this section.

147 11. The commissioner of higher education or his or her  
148 designee shall make the final determination regarding any  
149 dispute or appeal concerning the lower-division course  
150 equivalency block and common course numbering equivalency  
151 matrix and shall give written notice of the final decision  
152 concerning the dispute or appeal to the involved  
153 institutions and student, as applicable.

191.600. 1. Sections 191.600 to 191.615 establish a  
2 loan repayment program for graduates of [approved medical  
3 schools, schools of osteopathic medicine, schools of  
4 dentistry and accredited chiropractic colleges] an

5 accredited graduate training program in any discipline  
6 designated in rule by the department who practice in areas  
7 of defined need [and shall be known as the "Health  
8 Professional Student Loan Repayment Program". Sections  
9 191.600 to 191.615 shall apply to graduates of accredited  
10 chiropractic colleges when federal guidelines for  
11 chiropractic shortage areas are developed], to be known as  
12 the "Missouri State Loan Repayment Program (MOSLRP)". In  
13 designating disciplines, the department shall comply with  
14 limitations set forth in the National Health Service Corps  
15 Loan Repayment Program, 42 U.S.C. Section 2541-1, and any  
16 related notices of funding opportunity.

17 2. The ["Health Professional Student Loan and]  
18 "Missouri State Loan Repayment Program Fund" is hereby  
19 created in the state treasury. All funds recovered from an  
20 individual pursuant to section 191.614 and all funds  
21 generated by loan repayments and penalties received pursuant  
22 to section 191.540 shall be credited to the fund. The  
23 moneys in the fund shall be used by the department of health  
24 and senior services to provide loan repayments pursuant to  
25 section 191.611 in accordance with sections 191.600 to  
26 191.614.

191.603. As used in sections 191.600 to 191.615, the  
2 following terms shall mean:

3 (1) "Areas of defined need", areas designated by the  
4 department pursuant to section 191.605, when services [of a  
5 physician, including a psychiatrist, chiropractor, or  
6 dentist] are needed to improve the patient-health  
7 professional ratio in the area, to contribute health care  
8 professional services to an area of economic impact, or to  
9 contribute health care professional services to an area  
10 suffering from the effects of a natural disaster;

11 (2) ["Chiropractor", a person licensed and registered  
12 pursuant to chapter 331;

13 (3)] "Department", the department of health and senior  
14 services[;

15 (4) "General dentist", dentists licensed and  
16 registered pursuant to chapter 332 engaged in general  
17 dentistry and who are providing such services to the general  
18 population;

19 (5) "Primary care physician", physicians licensed and  
20 registered pursuant to chapter 334 engaged in general or  
21 family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics or obstetrics  
22 and gynecology as their primary specialties, and who are  
23 providing such primary care services to the general  
24 population;

25 (6) "Psychiatrist", the same meaning as in section  
26 632.005].

191.605. 1. The department shall designate counties,  
2 communities, or sections of urban areas as areas of defined  
3 need for medical, psychiatric, [chiropractic,] or dental  
4 services when such county, community or section of an urban  
5 area has been designated as a primary care health  
6 professional shortage area, a mental health care  
7 professional shortage area, or a dental health care  
8 professional shortage area by the federal Department of  
9 Health and Human Services, or has been determined by the  
10 director of the department of health and senior services to  
11 have an extraordinary need for health care professional  
12 services, without a corresponding supply of such  
13 professionals.

14 2. Annually, at least thirty-five percent of the  
15 appropriated funds allocated for the Missouri state loan  
16 repayment program shall be designated for awards to primary  
17 care physicians and general dentists. Any unused portion of

18 such designated funds shall be made available within the  
19 same fiscal year to the other types of health professions  
20 designated by the department under section 191.600.

191.607. The department shall adopt and promulgate  
2 regulations establishing standards for determining eligible  
3 persons for loan repayment pursuant to sections 191.600 to  
4 191.615. These standards shall include, but are not limited  
5 to the following:

6 (1) Citizenship or permanent residency in the United  
7 States;

8 (2) Residence in the state of Missouri;

9 (3) [Enrollment as a full-time medical student in the  
10 final year of a course of study offered by an approved  
11 educational institution or licensed to practice medicine or  
12 osteopathy pursuant to chapter 334, including psychiatrists;

13 (4) Enrollment as a full-time dental student in the  
14 final year of course study offered by an approved  
15 educational institution or licensed to practice general  
16 dentistry pursuant to chapter 332;

17 (5) Enrollment as a full-time chiropractic student in  
18 the final year of course study offered by an approved  
19 educational institution or licensed to practice chiropractic  
20 medicine pursuant to chapter 331] Authorization to practice  
21 as any type of health professional designated in section  
22 191.600;

23 [(6)] (4) Practice in an area of defined need; and

24 (5) Submission of an application for loan repayment.

191.611. 1. A loan payment provided for an individual  
2 under a written contract under the [health professional  
3 student loan payment] Missouri state loan repayment program  
4 shall consist of payment on behalf of the individual of the  
5 principal, interest, and related expenses on government and  
6 commercial loans received by the individual for tuition,

7 fees, books, laboratory, and living expenses incurred by the  
8 individual.

9 2. For each year of obligated services that an  
10 individual contracts to serve in an area of defined need,  
11 the director may pay an amount not to exceed the maximum  
12 amounts allowed under the National Health Service Corps Loan  
13 Repayment Program, 42 U.S.C. Section [2541-1, P.L. 106-213]  
14 2541-1, on behalf of the individual for loans described in  
15 subsection 1 of this section.

16 3. The department may enter into an agreement with the  
17 holder of the loans for which repayments are made pursuant  
18 to the [health professional student loan payment] Missouri  
19 state loan repayment program to establish a schedule for the  
20 making of such payments if the establishment of such a  
21 schedule would result in reducing the costs to the state.

22 4. Any qualifying communities providing a portion of a  
23 loan repayment shall be considered first for placement.

191.614. 1. [An individual who has entered into a  
2 written contract with the department; and in the case of an  
3 individual who is enrolled in the final year of a course of  
4 study and fails to maintain an acceptable level of academic  
5 standing in the educational institution in which such  
6 individual is enrolled or voluntarily terminates such  
7 enrollment or is dismissed from such educational institution  
8 before completion of such course of study or fails to become  
9 licensed pursuant to chapter 331, 332 or 334 within one year  
10 shall be liable to the state for the amount which has been  
11 paid on his or her behalf under the contract.

12 2.] If an individual breaches the written contract of  
13 the individual by failing either to begin such individual's  
14 service obligation or to complete such service obligation,  
15 the state shall be entitled to recover from the individual  
16 an amount equal to the sum of:



17 (1) The total of the amounts prepaid by the state on  
18 behalf of the individual;

19 (2) The interest on the amounts which would be payable  
20 if at the time the amounts were paid they were loans bearing  
21 interest at the maximum prevailing rate as determined by the  
22 Treasurer of the United States;

23 (3) An amount equal to any damages incurred by the  
24 department as a result of the breach; and

25 (4) Any legal fees or associated costs incurred by the  
26 department or the state of Missouri in the collection of  
27 damages.

28 [3.] 2. The department may act on behalf of a  
29 qualified community to recover from an individual described  
30 in [subsections 1 and 2 of] this section the portion of a  
31 loan repayment paid by such community for such individual.

191.615. 1. The department shall submit a grant  
2 application to the Secretary of the United States Department  
3 of Health and Human Services as prescribed by the secretary  
4 to obtain federal funds to finance the [health professional  
5 student] Missouri state loan repayment program.

6 2. Sections 191.600 to 191.615 shall not be construed  
7 to require the department to enter into contracts with  
8 individuals who qualify for the [health professional  
9 student] Missouri state loan repayment program when federal  
10 and state funds are not available for such purpose.

210.221. 1. The department of elementary and  
2 secondary education shall have the following powers and  
3 duties:

4 (1) After inspection, to grant licenses to persons to  
5 operate child-care facilities if satisfied as to the good  
6 character and intent of the applicant and that such  
7 applicant is qualified and equipped to render care or  
8 service conducive to the welfare of children. Each license

9 shall specify the effective date and whether the license is  
10 temporary, the kind of child-care services the licensee is  
11 authorized to perform, the number of children that can be  
12 received or maintained, and their ages ;

13 (2) To inspect the conditions of the homes and other  
14 places in which the applicant operates a child-care  
15 facility, inspect their books and records, premises and  
16 children being served, examine their officers and agents,  
17 deny, suspend, place on probation or revoke the license of  
18 such persons as fail to obey the provisions of sections  
19 210.201 to 210.245 or the rules and regulations made by the  
20 department of elementary and secondary education. The  
21 commissioner also may revoke or suspend a license when the  
22 licensee surrenders the license;

23 (3) To promulgate and issue rules and regulations the  
24 department deems necessary or proper in order to establish  
25 standards of service and care to be rendered by such  
26 licensees to children. No rule or regulation promulgated by  
27 the department shall in any manner restrict or interfere  
28 with any religious instruction, philosophies or ministries  
29 provided by the facility and shall not apply to facilities  
30 operated by religious organizations which are not required  
31 to be licensed;

32 (4) To approve training concerning the safe sleep  
33 recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics in  
34 accordance with section 210.223; and

35 (5) To determine what records shall be kept by such  
36 persons and the form thereof, and the methods to be used in  
37 keeping such records, and to require reports to be made to  
38 the department at regular intervals.

39 2. (1) In addition to the powers and duties under  
40 subsection 1 of this section, the department of elementary  
41 and secondary education has the power and duty to grant a

42 temporary child care license. The temporary child care  
43 license shall be granted to a child care provider who:

44 (a) Is not on probation or has not been on probation  
45 within the last twelve months;

46 (b) Is not in the process of having a license revoked  
47 or has not had a license revoked within the last twelve  
48 months; or

49 (c) Does not have a current letter of censure;

50 upon submittal of a complete license application to the  
51 department of elementary and secondary education by the  
52 child care provider, to expand an existing site or to add a  
53 new location.

54 (2) The child care provider shall complete all of the  
55 following in order to obtain a temporary child care license  
56 to expand an existing site or add a new location:

57 (a) State and local fire inspections as provided under  
58 section 210.252;

59 (b) State and local sanitation inspections as provided  
60 under section 210.252;

61 (c) City inspections;

62 (d) Staff background checks and health screenings; and

63 (e) Required staff training and any ongoing required  
64 training.

65 (3) Prior to obtaining a temporary child care license  
66 under this subsection for another facility, the child care  
67 provider shall have operated a child care facility for at  
68 least thirteen months. The new facility shall be subject to  
69 an inspection, without notification of the inspection, by  
70 the office of childhood within sixty days of the opening of  
71 the new facility.

72 (4) Temporary child care licenses shall be valid for a  
73 duration of no longer than twelve months from the date of

74 issuance or until the department makes a final determination  
75 on full licensure.

76 (5) If the child care facility is an existing child  
77 care facility but there is a change in ownership of the  
78 facility, such facility shall be subject to an inspection,  
79 without notification of the inspection, by the office of  
80 childhood within sixty days of the change in ownership.

81 3. Any child-care facility may request a variance from  
82 a rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to this section.  
83 The request for a variance shall be made in writing to the  
84 department of elementary and secondary education and shall  
85 include the reasons the facility is requesting the  
86 variance. The department shall approve any variance request  
87 that does not endanger the health or safety of the children  
88 served by the facility. The burden of proof at any appeal  
89 of a disapproval of a variance application shall be with the  
90 department of elementary and secondary education. Local  
91 inspectors may grant a variance, subject to approval by the  
92 department of elementary and secondary education.

93 **[3.]** 4. The department shall deny, suspend, place on  
94 probation or revoke a license if it receives official  
95 written notice that the local governing body has found that  
96 license is prohibited by any local law related to the health  
97 and safety of children. The department may deny an  
98 application for a license if the department determines that  
99 a home or other place in which an applicant would operate a  
100 child-care facility is located within one thousand feet of  
101 any location where a person required to register under  
102 sections 589.400 to 589.425 either resides, as that term is  
103 defined in subsection 3 of section 566.147, or regularly  
104 receives treatment or services, excluding any treatment or  
105 services delivered in a hospital, as that term is defined in  
106 section 197.020, or in facilities owned or operated by a

107 hospital system. The department may, after inspection, find  
108 the licensure, denial of licensure, suspension or revocation  
109 to be in the best interest of the state.

110 [4.] 5. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is  
111 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the  
112 authority delegated in sections 210.201 to 210.245 shall  
113 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to  
114 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,  
115 section 536.028. All rulemaking authority delegated prior  
116 to August 28, 1999, is of no force and effect and repealed.  
117 Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to repeal or  
118 affect the validity of any rule filed or adopted prior to  
119 August 28, 1999, if it fully complied with all applicable  
120 provisions of law. This section and chapter 536 are  
121 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the  
122 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay  
123 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
124 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of  
125 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after  
126 August 28, 1999, shall be invalid and void.

324.009. 1. For purposes of this section, the  
2 following terms mean:

3 (1) "License", a license, certificate, registration,  
4 permit, accreditation, or military occupational speciality  
5 that enables a person to legally practice an occupation or  
6 profession in a particular jurisdiction;

7 (2) "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States  
8 including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps,  
9 Navy, Space Force, National Guard and any other military  
10 branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed  
11 Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and  
12 auxiliaries. Such term also includes the military reserves  
13 and militia of any United States territory or state;

14           (3) "Missouri law enforcement officer", any person  
15 employed by or otherwise serving in a position for the state  
16 or a local governmental entity as a police officer, peace  
17 officer certified under chapter 590, auxiliary police  
18 officer, sheriff, sheriff's deputy, member of the patrol as  
19 that term is defined in section 43.010, or in some like  
20 position involving the enforcement of the law and protection  
21 of the public interest at the risk of that person's life and  
22 who is a permanent resident of the state of Missouri or who  
23 is domiciled in the state of Missouri;

24           (4) "Nonresident military or law enforcement  
25 spouse" [, ]:

26           (a) A nonresident spouse of an active duty member of  
27 the Armed Forces of the United States who has been  
28 transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the state  
29 of Missouri, or who has been transferred or is scheduled to  
30 be transferred to an adjacent state and is or will be  
31 domiciled in the state of Missouri, or has moved to the  
32 state of Missouri on a permanent change-of-station basis; or

33           (b) A nonresident spouse of a person residing outside  
34 the state who has accepted an offer of employment from the  
35 state or a local governmental entity in the state and who  
36 will become a Missouri law enforcement officer upon the  
37 commencement of such employment;

38           [(4)] (5) "Oversight body", any board, department,  
39 agency, or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses;

40           [(5)] (6) "Resident military or law enforcement  
41 spouse", a spouse of an active duty member of the Armed  
42 Forces of the United States who has been transferred or is  
43 scheduled to be transferred to the state of Missouri or an  
44 adjacent state and who is a permanent resident of the state  
45 of Missouri, who is domiciled in the state of Missouri, or

46 who has Missouri as his or her home of record or a spouse of  
47 a Missouri law enforcement officer.

48 2. Any person who holds a valid current license issued  
49 by another state, a branch or unit of the military, a  
50 territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia,  
51 and who has been licensed for at least one year in such  
52 other jurisdiction, may submit an application for a license  
53 in Missouri in the same occupation or profession, and at the  
54 same practice level, for which he or she holds the current  
55 license, along with proof of current licensure and proof of  
56 licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction,  
57 to the relevant oversight body in this state.

58 3. The oversight body in this state shall:

59 (1) Within six months of receiving an application  
60 described in subsection 2 of this section, waive any  
61 examination, educational, or experience requirements for  
62 licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines  
63 that there were minimum education requirements and, if  
64 applicable, work experience and clinical supervision  
65 requirements in effect and the other state verifies that the  
66 person met those requirements in order to be licensed or  
67 certified in that state. An oversight body that administers  
68 an examination on laws of this state as part of its  
69 licensing application requirement may require an applicant  
70 to take and pass an examination specific to the laws of this  
71 state; or

72 (2) Within thirty days of receiving an application  
73 described in subsection 2 of this section from a nonresident  
74 military or law enforcement spouse or a resident military or  
75 law enforcement spouse, waive any examination, educational,  
76 or experience requirements for licensure in this state for  
77 the applicant and issue such applicant a license under this

78 section if such applicant otherwise meets the requirements  
79 of this section.

80 4. (1) The oversight body shall not waive any  
81 examination, educational, or experience requirements for any  
82 applicant who has had his or her license revoked by an  
83 oversight body outside the state; who is currently under  
84 investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is  
85 currently under disciplinary action, except as provided in  
86 subdivision (2) of this subsection, with an oversight body  
87 outside the state; who does not hold a license in good  
88 standing with an oversight body outside the state; who has a  
89 criminal record that would disqualify him or her for  
90 licensure in Missouri; or who does not hold a valid current  
91 license in the other jurisdiction on the date the oversight  
92 body receives his or her application under this section.

93 (2) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary  
94 action against an applicant, the oversight body shall  
95 determine if the cause for the action was corrected and the  
96 matter resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by  
97 that jurisdiction, the oversight body may deny a license  
98 until the matter is resolved.

99 5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the  
100 oversight body from denying a license to an applicant under  
101 this section for any reason described in any section  
102 associated with the occupation or profession for which the  
103 applicant seeks a license.

104 6. Any person who is licensed under the provisions of  
105 this section shall be subject to the applicable oversight  
106 body's jurisdiction and all rules and regulations pertaining  
107 to the practice of the licensed occupation or profession in  
108 this state.

109 7. This section shall not be construed to waive any  
110 requirement for an applicant to pay any fees, post any bonds



111 or surety bonds, or submit proof of insurance associated  
112 with the license the applicant seeks.

113 8. This section shall not apply to business,  
114 professional, or occupational licenses issued or required by  
115 political subdivisions.

116 9. The provisions of this section shall not impede an  
117 oversight body's authority to require an applicant to submit  
118 fingerprints as part of the application process.

119 10. [The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
120 an oversight body that has entered into a licensing compact  
121 with another state for the regulation of practice under the  
122 oversight body's jurisdiction.] The provisions of this  
123 section shall not be construed to alter the authority  
124 granted by, or any requirements promulgated pursuant to, any  
125 interjurisdictional or interstate compacts adopted by  
126 Missouri statute or any reciprocity agreements with other  
127 states in effect [on August 28, 2018], and whenever possible  
128 this section shall be interpreted so as to imply no conflict  
129 between it and any compact, or any reciprocity agreements  
130 with other states in effect [on August 28, 2018].

131 11. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
132 license issued under this section shall be valid only in  
133 this state and shall not make a licensee eligible to be part  
134 of an interstate compact. An applicant who is licensed in  
135 another state pursuant to an interstate compact shall not be  
136 eligible for licensure by an oversight body under the  
137 provisions of this section.

138 12. The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
139 any occupation set forth in subsection 6 of section 290.257,  
140 or any electrical contractor licensed under sections 324.900  
141 to 324.945.

2 333.041. 1. [Each applicant for a license to practice  
funeral directing shall furnish evidence to establish to the

3 satisfaction of the board that he or she is at least  
4 eighteen years of age, and possesses a high school diploma,  
5 a general equivalency diploma, or equivalent thereof, as  
6 determined, at its discretion, by the board.

7       2.] Every person desiring to enter the profession of  
8 embalming dead human bodies within the state of Missouri and  
9 who is enrolled in a program of education accredited by the  
10 American Board of Funeral Service Education, any successor  
11 organization, or other accrediting entity as approved by the  
12 board shall register with the board as a practicum student  
13 upon the form [provided] approved by the board. [After such  
14 registration, a student may assist, under the direct  
15 supervision of Missouri licensed embalmers and funeral  
16 directors, in Missouri licensed funeral establishments,  
17 while serving his or her practicum.] The form for  
18 registration as a practicum student shall be accompanied by  
19 a fee in an amount established by the board. After a  
20 student's registration has been approved by the board, a  
21 practicum student registrant may assist, under the direct  
22 supervision of an embalmer licensed under this chapter, in  
23 an establishment licensed under this chapter. Practicum  
24 student registrants shall not assist when not under such  
25 supervision. Each practicum student registrant is  
26 authorized to work only at the location or locations  
27 registered with the board and under only those supervisors  
28 registered with the board.

29       [3. Each applicant for a license to practice embalming  
30 shall furnish evidence to establish to the satisfaction of  
31 the board that he or she:

32       (1) Is at least eighteen years of age, and possesses a  
33 high school diploma, a general equivalency diploma, or  
34 equivalent thereof, as determined, at its discretion, by the  
35 board;

36 (2) Has completed a funeral service education program  
37 accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service  
38 Education, any successor organization, or other accrediting  
39 entity as approved by the board. If an applicant does not  
40 complete all requirements for licensure within five years  
41 from the date of his or her completion of an accredited  
42 program, his or her registration as an apprentice embalmer  
43 shall be automatically cancelled. The applicant shall be  
44 required to file a new application and pay applicable fees.  
45 No previous apprenticeship shall be considered for the new  
46 application;

47 (3) Upon due examination administered by the board, is  
48 possessed of a knowledge of the subjects of embalming,  
49 anatomy, pathology, bacteriology, mortuary administration,  
50 chemistry, restorative art, together with statutes, rules  
51 and regulations governing the care, custody, shelter and  
52 disposition of dead human bodies and the transportation  
53 thereof or has passed the national board examination of the  
54 Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards. If any  
55 applicant fails to pass the state examination, he or she may  
56 retake the examination at the next regular examination  
57 meeting. The applicant shall notify the board office of his  
58 or her desire to retake the examination at least thirty days  
59 prior to the date of the examination. Each time the  
60 examination is retaken, the applicant shall pay a new  
61 examination fee in an amount established by the board;

62 (4) Has been employed full time in funeral service in  
63 a licensed funeral establishment and has personally embalmed  
64 at least twenty-five dead human bodies under the personal  
65 supervision of an embalmer who holds a current and valid  
66 Missouri embalmer's license during an apprenticeship of not  
67 less than twelve consecutive months. "Personal supervision"  
68 means that the licensed embalmer shall be physically present

69 during the entire embalming process in the first six months  
70 of the apprenticeship period and physically present at the  
71 beginning of the embalming process and available for  
72 consultation and personal inspection within a period of not  
73 more than one hour in the remaining six months of the  
74 apprenticeship period. All transcripts and other records  
75 filed with the board shall become a part of the board files.]

76 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, an  
77 applicant not entitled to an embalmer's license under  
78 section 333.051 or 324.009 shall make application for such  
79 license. Each applicant for an initial license to practice  
80 embalming shall furnish evidence to establish to the  
81 satisfaction of the board that he or she:

82 (1) Is eighteen years of age or older;

83 (2) Possesses a high school diploma, a general  
84 equivalency diploma, or equivalent thereof, as determined,  
85 at its discretion, by the board;

86 (3) Has completed a funeral service education program  
87 accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service  
88 Education, any successor organization, or other accrediting  
89 entity as approved by the board;

90 (4) Received passing scores on the National Board  
91 Examination-Sciences and the Missouri law examination  
92 administered by the International Conference of Funeral  
93 Service Examining Boards, any successor organization, or  
94 other organization approved by the board; and

95 (5) Has been employed in a qualifying embalmer's  
96 apprentice program as defined by the board for no less than  
97 six months and has personally embalmed at least twenty-five  
98 dead human bodies under the supervision of an embalmer who  
99 is licensed under this chapter. The first twelve of the  
100 embalmings shall be conducted under the direct supervision  
101 of the licensed embalmer. For purposes of this subdivision,

102 a "qualifying embalmer's apprentice program" is a program in  
103 which the apprentice completed the minimum number of hours  
104 required by the board and, as attested to by the supervising  
105 licensed embalmer, obtained the minimal required skills to  
106 practice embalming. For purposes of this subdivision,  
107 "direct supervision" shall mean supervision in which the  
108 licensed embalmer is physically present with the apprentice  
109 embalmer and the dead human body at the beginning of the  
110 embalming process and available for consultation within one  
111 hour for the remainder of the embalming process. The  
112 licensed embalmer shall inspect all bodies embalmed by the  
113 apprentice embalmer.

114 3. Upon written request to the board, any person  
115 licensed under this section may, at his or her election, at  
116 any time, sit for the National Board Examination-Arts  
117 administered by the International Conference of Funeral  
118 Service Examining Boards, any successor organization, or  
119 other organization approved by the board if such person has  
120 not previously passed such examination.

121 4. If the applicant does not complete the application  
122 process within the five years after his or her completion of  
123 an approved program, then he or she must file a new  
124 application and no fees paid previously shall apply toward  
125 the license fee.

126 5. [Examinations required by this section and section  
127 333.042 shall be held at least twice a year at times and  
128 places fixed by the board. The board shall by rule and  
129 regulation prescribe the standard for successful completion  
130 of the examinations.]

131 6. Upon establishment of his or her qualifications as  
132 specified by this section or section 333.042, the board  
133 shall issue to the applicant a license to practice funeral  
134 directing or embalming, as the case may require, and shall

135 register the applicant as a duly licensed funeral director  
136 or a duly licensed embalmer.] Any person having the  
137 qualifications required by this section and section 333.042  
138 may be granted both a license to practice funeral directing  
139 and to practice embalming.

140 [7. The board shall, upon request, waive any  
141 requirement of this chapter and issue a temporary funeral  
142 director's license, valid for six months, to the surviving  
143 spouse or next of kin or the personal representative of a  
144 licensed funeral director, or to the spouse, next of kin,  
145 employee or conservator of a licensed funeral director  
146 disabled because of sickness, mental incapacity or injury.]

333.042. 1. [Every person desiring to enter the  
2 profession of funeral directing in this state shall make  
3 application with the state board of embalmers and funeral  
4 directors and pay the current application and examination  
5 fees. Except as otherwise provided in section 41.950,  
6 applicants not entitled to a license pursuant to section  
7 333.051 or 324.009 shall serve an apprenticeship for at  
8 least twelve consecutive months in a funeral establishment  
9 licensed for the care and preparation for burial and  
10 transportation of the human dead in this state or in another  
11 state which has established standards for admission to  
12 practice funeral directing equal to, or more stringent than,  
13 the requirements for admission to practice funeral directing  
14 in this state. The applicant shall devote at least fifteen  
15 hours per week to his or her duties as an apprentice under  
16 the supervision of a Missouri licensed funeral director.  
17 Such applicant shall submit proof to the board, on forms  
18 provided by the board, that the applicant has arranged and  
19 conducted ten funeral services during the applicant's  
20 apprenticeship under the supervision of a Missouri licensed  
21 funeral director. Upon completion of the apprenticeship,

22 the applicant shall appear before the board to be tested on  
23 the applicant's legal and practical knowledge of funeral  
24 directing, funeral home licensing, preneed funeral contracts  
25 and the care, custody, shelter, disposition and  
26 transportation of dead human bodies. Upon acceptance of the  
27 application and fees by the board, an applicant shall have  
28 twenty-four months to successfully complete the requirements  
29 for licensure found in this section or the application for  
30 licensure shall be cancelled.

31 2. If a person applies for a limited license to work  
32 only in a funeral establishment which is licensed only for  
33 cremation, including transportation of dead human bodies to  
34 and from the funeral establishment, he or she shall make  
35 application, pay the current application and examination fee  
36 and successfully complete the Missouri law examination. He  
37 or she shall be exempt from the twelve-month apprenticeship  
38 required by subsection 1 of this section and the practical  
39 examination before the board. If a person has a limited  
40 license issued pursuant to this subsection, he or she may  
41 obtain a full funeral director's license if he or she  
42 fulfills the apprenticeship and successfully completes the  
43 funeral director practical examination.

44 3. If an individual is a Missouri licensed embalmer or  
45 has completed a program accredited by the American Board of  
46 Funeral Service Education, any successor organization, or  
47 other accrediting entity as approved by the board or has  
48 successfully completed a course of study in funeral  
49 directing offered by an institution accredited by a  
50 recognized national, regional or state accrediting body and  
51 approved by the state board of embalmers and funeral  
52 directors, and desires to enter the profession of funeral  
53 directing in this state, the individual shall comply with  
54 all the requirements for licensure as a funeral director

55 pursuant to subsection 1 of section 333.041 and subsection 1  
56 of this section; however, the individual is exempt from the  
57 twelve-month apprenticeship required by subsection 1 of this  
58 section.] Except as otherwise provided in this section, an  
59 applicant for a funeral director license not entitled to a  
60 license under section 333.051 or 324.009 shall make  
61 application for an initial license to practice funeral  
62 directing and shall furnish evidence to establish to the  
63 satisfaction of the board that he or she:

64 (1) Is eighteen years of age or older;

65 (2) Possesses a high school diploma, a general  
66 equivalency diploma, or equivalent thereof, as determined,  
67 at its discretion, by the board; and

68 (3) Has either:

69 (a) Completed a funeral service education program  
70 accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service  
71 Education, any successor organization, or other accrediting  
72 entity as approved by the board and received passing scores  
73 on the National Board Examination-Arts and the Missouri law  
74 examination. The board may accept, in lieu of a passing  
75 score on the National Board Examination-Arts, a passing  
76 score on an administration of the Missouri arts examination  
77 that occurred before the International Conference of Funeral  
78 Service Examining Boards ended all administrations of the  
79 Missouri arts examination on January 1, 2023; or

80 (b) Made application for a funeral director  
81 provisional license and successfully either:

82 a. Within twenty-four months of receipt of the  
83 provisional license:

84 (i) Completed a twelve-month qualifying funeral  
85 director apprentice program as determined by the board  
86 during which the applicant arranged and conducted ten  
87 funeral services. Such program shall be under the personal



88 supervision of a funeral director licensed under this  
89 chapter and in a Missouri funeral establishment licensed for  
90 the care and preparation for burial and transportation of  
91 the human dead in this state; and

92 (ii) Received passing scores on the National Board  
93 Examination-Arts and the Missouri law examination. The  
94 board may accept, in lieu of a passing score on the National  
95 Board Examination-Arts, a passing score on an administration  
96 of the Missouri arts examination that occurred before the  
97 International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards  
98 ended all administrations of the Missouri arts examination  
99 on January 1, 2023; or

100 b. Within thirty-six months of receipt of the  
101 provisional license:

102 (i) Completed an eighteen-month qualifying funeral  
103 director apprentice program as determined by the board  
104 during which the applicant arranged and conducted twenty-  
105 five funeral services. Such program shall be under the  
106 personal supervision of a funeral director licensed under  
107 this chapter and in a Missouri funeral establishment  
108 licensed for the care and preparation for burial and  
109 transportation of the human dead in this state; and

110 (ii) Received a passing score on the Missouri law  
111 examination.

112 2. Any person holding a provisional license shall be  
113 eligible, upon written request to the board, to sit for the  
114 National Board Examination-Arts and the Missouri law  
115 examination at any time during the period in which his or  
116 her provisional license is effective.

117 3. Any licensed funeral director who has not  
118 previously sat for the National Board Examination-Arts may,  
119 at his or her election and upon written request to the  
120 board, sit for the examination.

121           4. A person may apply for a limited license to work  
122 only in a funeral establishment licensed for cremation. A  
123 person holding a limited funeral director license may  
124 perform duties related to cremation. To qualify for a  
125 limited funeral director license, an applicant shall be  
126 eighteen years of age or older and shall make application  
127 with the board, pay applicable fees, and successfully  
128 complete the Missouri law examination. Completion of a  
129 qualifying funeral director apprentice program shall not be  
130 required to obtain a limited funeral director license.

131           5. The board shall, at its discretion and upon written  
132 request, waive individual funeral director licensure  
133 requirements for up to six months if there is an absence of  
134 a funeral director in charge due to the death or disability  
135 of the licensed funeral director and there is no other  
136 licensed funeral director available to discharge the  
137 director's duties. A waiver under this subsection shall  
138 allow the spouse, next of kin, personal representative, or  
139 conservator of the absent director to conduct business until  
140 a licensed funeral director can be obtained or business  
141 arrangements are made to close or sell the establishment.  
142 The waiver shall not allow for any services to be provided  
143 for which formal funeral service education is required.

144           6. As used in this section, the following terms mean:  
145           (1) "Personal supervision", supervision in which the  
146 licensed funeral director shall be physically present during  
147 any arrangement conferences and present for the first five  
148 funeral services conducted by the apprentice. The  
149 supervising licensed funeral director shall not be required  
150 to be present when the apprentice performs any other  
151 functions relating to the practice of funeral directing but  
152 shall be available within one hour for consultation;

153           (2) "Qualifying funeral director apprentice program",  
154 a program that meets the minimum hour requirements for  
155 funeral directing tasks as set by the board and in which the  
156 supervising funeral director has attested that the  
157 apprentice has obtained the minimal required skills to  
158 practice funeral directing.

337.600. As used in sections 337.600 to 337.689, the  
2 following terms mean:

3           (1) "Advanced macro social worker", the applications  
4 of social work theory, knowledge, methods, principles,  
5 values, and ethics; and the professional use of self to  
6 community and organizational systems, systemic and macrocosm  
7 issues, and other indirect nonclinical services; specialized  
8 knowledge and advanced practice skills in case management,  
9 information and referral, nonclinical assessments,  
10 counseling, outcome evaluation, mediation, nonclinical  
11 supervision, nonclinical consultation, expert testimony,  
12 education, outcome evaluation, research, advocacy, social  
13 planning and policy development, community organization, and  
14 the development, implementation and administration of  
15 policies, programs, and activities. A licensed advanced  
16 macro social worker may not treat mental or emotional  
17 disorders or provide psychotherapy without the direct  
18 supervision of a licensed clinical social worker, or  
19 diagnose a mental disorder;

20           (2) "Clinical social work", the application of social  
21 work theory, knowledge, values, methods, principles, and  
22 techniques of case work, group work, client-centered  
23 advocacy, community organization, administration, planning,  
24 evaluation, consultation, research, psychotherapy and  
25 counseling methods and techniques to persons, families and  
26 groups in assessment, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and  
27 amelioration of mental and emotional conditions;

- 28           (3) "Committee", the state committee for social  
29 workers established in section 337.622;
- 30           (4) "Department", the Missouri department of commerce  
31 and insurance;
- 32           (5) "Director", the director of the division of  
33 professional registration;
- 34           (6) "Division", the division of professional  
35 registration;
- 36           (7) "Independent practice", any practice of social  
37 workers outside of an organized setting such as a social,  
38 medical, or governmental agency in which a social worker  
39 assumes responsibility and accountability for services  
40 required;
- 41           (8) "Licensed advanced macro social worker", any  
42 person who offers to render services to individuals, groups,  
43 families, couples, organizations, institutions, communities,  
44 government agencies, corporations, or the general public for  
45 a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is  
46 trained, experienced, and licensed as an advanced macro  
47 social worker, and who holds a current valid license to  
48 practice as an advanced macro social worker;
- 49           (9) "Licensed baccalaureate social worker", any person  
50 who offers to render services to individuals, groups,  
51 organizations, institutions, corporations, government  
52 agencies, or the general public for a fee, monetary or  
53 otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced,  
54 and licensed as a baccalaureate social worker, and who holds  
55 a current valid license to practice as a baccalaureate  
56 social worker;
- 57           (10) "Licensed clinical social worker", any person who  
58 offers to render services to individuals, groups,  
59 organizations, institutions, corporations, government  
60 agencies, or the general public for a fee, monetary or

61 otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced,  
62 and licensed as a clinical social worker, and who holds a  
63 current, valid license to practice as a clinical social  
64 worker;

65 (11) "Licensed master social worker", any person who  
66 offers to render services to individuals, groups, families,  
67 couples, organizations, institutions, communities,  
68 government agencies, corporations, or the general public for  
69 a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is  
70 trained, experienced, and licensed as a master social  
71 worker, and who holds a current valid license to practice as  
72 a master social worker. A licensed master social worker may  
73 not treat mental or emotional disorders, provide  
74 psychotherapy without the direct supervision of a licensed  
75 clinical social worker, or diagnose a mental disorder;

76 (12) "Master social work", the application of social  
77 work theory, knowledge, methods, and ethics and the  
78 professional use of self to restore or enhance social,  
79 psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals,  
80 couples, families, groups, organizations, communities,  
81 institutions, government agencies, or corporations. The  
82 practice includes the applications of specialized knowledge  
83 and advanced practice skills in the areas of assessment,  
84 treatment planning, implementation and evaluation, case  
85 management, mediation, information and referral, counseling,  
86 client education, supervision, consultation, education,  
87 research, advocacy, community organization and development,  
88 planning, evaluation, implementation and administration of  
89 policies, programs, and activities. Under supervision as  
90 provided in this section, the practice of master social work  
91 may include the practices reserved to clinical social  
92 workers or advanced macro social workers for no more than

93 forty-eight consecutive calendar months for the purpose of  
94 obtaining licensure under section 337.615 or 337.645;

95 (13) "Practice of advanced macro social work",  
96 rendering, offering to render, or supervising those who  
97 render to individuals, couples, families, groups,  
98 organizations, institutions, corporations, government  
99 agencies, communities, or the general public any service  
100 involving the application of methods, principles, and  
101 techniques of advanced practice macro social work;

102 (14) "Practice of baccalaureate social work",  
103 rendering, offering to render, or supervising those who  
104 render to individuals, families, groups, organizations,  
105 institutions, corporations, or the general public any  
106 service involving the application of methods, principles,  
107 and techniques of baccalaureate social work;

108 (15) "Practice of clinical social work", rendering,  
109 offering to render, or supervising those who render to  
110 individuals, couples, groups, organizations, institutions,  
111 corporations, or the general public any service involving  
112 the application of methods, principles, and techniques of  
113 clinical social work;

114 (16) "Practice of master social work", rendering,  
115 offering to render, or supervising those who render to  
116 individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations,  
117 institutions, corporations, government agencies,  
118 communities, or the general public any service involving the  
119 application of methods, principles, and techniques of master  
120 social work;

121 (17) "Qualified advanced macro supervisor", any  
122 licensed social worker who meets the qualifications of a  
123 qualified clinical supervisor or a licensed advanced macro  
124 social worker who has:

125 (a) Practiced in the field of social work as a  
126 licensed social worker for which he or she is supervising  
127 the applicant for a minimum of five years;

128 (b) Successfully completed a minimum of sixteen hours  
129 of supervisory training from the Association of Social Work  
130 Boards, the National Association of Social Workers, an  
131 accredited university, or a program approved by the state  
132 committee for social workers. All organizations providing  
133 the supervisory training shall adhere to the basic content  
134 and quality standards outlined by the state committee on  
135 social work; and

136 (c) Met all the requirements of sections 337.600 to  
137 337.689, and as defined by rule by the state committee for  
138 social workers;

139 (18) "Qualified baccalaureate supervisor", any  
140 licensed social worker who meets the qualifications of a  
141 qualified clinical supervisor, qualified master supervisor,  
142 qualified advanced macro supervisor, or a licensed  
143 baccalaureate social worker who has:

144 (a) Practiced in the field of social work as a  
145 licensed social worker for which he or she is supervising  
146 the applicant for a minimum of five years;

147 (b) Successfully completed a minimum of sixteen hours  
148 of supervisory training from the Association of Social Work  
149 Boards, the National Association of Social Workers, an  
150 accredited university, or a program approved by the state  
151 committee for social workers. All organizations providing  
152 the supervisory training shall adhere to the basic content  
153 and quality standards outlined by the state committee on  
154 social workers; and

155 (c) Met all the requirements of sections 337.600 to  
156 337.689, and as defined by rule by the state committee for  
157 social workers;

158 (19) "Qualified clinical supervisor", any licensed  
159 clinical social worker who has:

160 (a) Practiced in the field of social work as a  
161 licensed social worker for which he or she is supervising  
162 the applicant for a minimum of five years;

163 (b) Successfully completed a minimum of sixteen hours  
164 of supervisory training from the Association of Social Work  
165 Boards, the National Association of Social Workers, an  
166 accredited university, or a program approved by the state  
167 committee for social workers. All organizations providing  
168 the supervisory training shall adhere to the basic content  
169 and quality standards outlined by the state committee on  
170 social work; and

171 (c) Met all the requirements of sections 337.600 to  
172 337.689, and as defined by rule by the state committee for  
173 social workers;

174 (20) "Social worker", any individual that has:

175 (a) Received a baccalaureate [or master's] degree in  
176 social work from an accredited social work program approved  
177 by the [council on social work education] Council on Social  
178 Work Education;

179 (b) Received a master's degree in social work from a  
180 social work program;

181 a. Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education;

182 or

183 b. Recognized and approved by the committee in  
184 accordance with rules adopted by the committee under section  
185 337.627 and in accordance with the procedure set forth in  
186 section 337.628;

187 (c) Received a doctorate or Ph.D. in social work; or

188 [(c)] (d) A current social worker license as set forth  
189 in sections 337.600 to 337.689.



337.604. 1. No person shall hold himself or herself  
out to be a social worker unless such person has:

(1) Received a baccalaureate [or master's] degree in social work from an accredited social work program approved by the [council on social work education] Council on Social Work Education;

(2) Received a master's degree in social work from a social work program:

(a) Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; or

(b) Recognized and approved by the committee in accordance with rules adopted by the committee under section 337.627 and in accordance with the procedure set forth in section 337.628;

(3) Received a doctorate or Ph.D. in social work; or

[(3)] (4) A current social worker license as set forth in sections 337.600 to 337.689.

2. No government entities, public or private agencies or organizations in the state shall use the title "social worker" or any form of the title, including but not limited to the abbreviations "SW", "BSW", "MSW", "DSW", "LBSW", "LBSW-IP", "LMSW", "PLCSW", "LCSW", "CSW", "LAMSW", and "AMSW", for volunteer or employment positions or within contracts for services, documents, manuals, or reference material effective January 1, 2004, unless the volunteers or employees in those positions meet the criteria set forth in this chapter.

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

(1) "License", a license, certificate, registration, permit, accreditation, or military occupational specialty that enables a person to legally practice an occupation or profession in a particular jurisdiction;

7           (2) "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States,  
8 including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps,  
9 Navy, Space Force, National Guard, and any other military  
10 branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed  
11 Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and  
12 auxiliaries. The term "military" also includes the military  
13 reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;

14           (3) "Nonresident military spouse", a nonresident  
15 spouse of an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the  
16 United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be  
17 transferred to the state of Missouri, or who has been  
18 transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to an adjacent  
19 state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri,  
20 or has moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-  
21 of-station basis;

22           (4) "Oversight body", any board, department, agency,  
23 or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses;

24           (5) "Resident military spouse", a spouse of an active-  
25 duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has  
26 been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the  
27 state of Missouri or an adjacent state and who is a  
28 permanent resident of the state of Missouri, who is  
29 domiciled in the state of Missouri, or who has Missouri as  
30 his or her home of record.

31           2. Each applicant for licensure as a clinical social  
32 worker shall furnish evidence to the committee that:

33           (1) The applicant has:

34           (a) A master's degree from a college or university  
35 program of social work:

36           a. Accredited by the [council of social work  
37 education] Council on Social Work Education; or

38           b. Recognized and approved by the committee in  
39 accordance with rules adopted by the committee under section

40 337.627 and in accordance with the procedure set forth in  
41 section 337.628; or

42 (b) A doctorate degree from a school of social work  
43 acceptable to the committee;

44 (2) The applicant has completed at least three  
45 thousand hours of supervised clinical experience with a  
46 qualified clinical supervisor, as defined in section  
47 337.600, in no less than twenty-four months and no more than  
48 forty-eight consecutive calendar months. For any applicant  
49 who has successfully completed at least four thousand hours  
50 of supervised clinical experience with a qualified clinical  
51 supervisor, as defined in section 337.600, within the same  
52 time frame prescribed in this subsection, the applicant  
53 shall be eligible for application of licensure at three  
54 thousand hours and shall be furnished a certificate by the  
55 state committee for social workers acknowledging the  
56 completion of said additional hours;

57 (3) The applicant has achieved a passing score, as  
58 defined by the committee, on an examination approved by the  
59 committee. The eligibility requirements for such  
60 examination shall be promulgated by rule of the committee;  
61 and

62 (4) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age,  
63 is a United States citizen or has status as a legal resident  
64 alien, and has not been finally adjudicated and found  
65 guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a  
66 criminal prosecution under the laws of any state, of the  
67 United States, or of any country, for any offense directly  
68 related to the duties and responsibilities of the  
69 occupation, as set forth in section 324.012, regardless of  
70 whether or not sentence has been imposed.

71 3. (1) Any person who holds a valid current clinical  
72 social work license issued by another state, a branch or

73 unit of the military, a territory of the United States, or  
74 the District of Columbia, and who has been licensed for at  
75 least one year in such other jurisdiction, may submit to the  
76 committee an application for a clinical social work license  
77 in Missouri along with proof of current licensure and proof  
78 of licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction.

79 (2) The committee shall:

80 (a) Within six months of receiving an application  
81 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, waive any  
82 examination, educational, or experience requirements for  
83 licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines  
84 that there were minimum education requirements and, if  
85 applicable, work experience and clinical supervision  
86 requirements in effect and the other jurisdiction verifies  
87 that the person met those requirements in order to be  
88 licensed or certified in that jurisdiction. The committee  
89 may require an applicant to take and pass an examination  
90 specific to the laws of this state; or

91 (b) Within thirty days of receiving an application  
92 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection from a  
93 nonresident military spouse or a resident military spouse,  
94 waive any examination, educational, or experience  
95 requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant  
96 and issue such applicant a license under this subsection if  
97 such applicant otherwise meets the requirements of this  
98 subsection.

99 (3) (a) The committee shall not waive any  
100 examination, educational, or experience requirements for any  
101 applicant who has had his or her license revoked by an  
102 oversight body outside the state; who is currently under  
103 investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is  
104 currently under disciplinary action, except as provided in  
105 paragraph (b) of this subdivision, with an oversight body

106 outside the state; who does not hold a license in good  
107 standing with an oversight body outside the state; who has a  
108 criminal record that would disqualify him or her for  
109 licensure in Missouri; or who does not hold a valid current  
110 license in the other jurisdiction on the date the committee  
111 receives his or her application under this subsection [and  
112 section].

113 (b) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary  
114 action against an applicant, the committee shall determine  
115 if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter  
116 resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that  
117 jurisdiction, the committee may deny a license until the  
118 matter is resolved.

119 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the  
120 committee from denying a license to an applicant under this  
121 subsection for any reason described in section 337.630.

122 (5) Any person who is licensed under the provisions of  
123 this subsection shall be subject to the committee's  
124 jurisdiction and all rules and regulations pertaining to the  
125 practice as a licensed clinical social worker in this state.

126 (6) This subsection shall not be construed to waive  
127 any requirement for an applicant to pay any fees.

128 4. The committee shall issue a license to each person  
129 who files an application and fee as required by the  
130 provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and who furnishes  
131 evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant  
132 has complied with the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4)  
133 of subsection 2 of this section.

337.627. 1. The committee shall promulgate rules and  
2 regulations pertaining to:

3 (1) The form and content of license applications  
4 required by the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689

5 and section 324.009 and the procedures for filing an  
6 application for an initial or renewal license in this state;

7 (2) Fees required by the provisions of sections  
8 337.600 to 337.689 and section 324.009;

9 (3) The characteristics of supervised clinical  
10 experience, supervised master experience, supervised  
11 advanced macro experience, and supervised baccalaureate  
12 experience;

13 (4) The standards and methods to be used in assessing  
14 competency as a licensed clinical social worker, licensed  
15 master social worker, licensed advanced macro social worker,  
16 and licensed baccalaureate social worker, including the  
17 requirement for continuing education hours;

18 (5) Establishment and promulgation of procedures for  
19 investigating, hearing and determining grievances and  
20 violations occurring pursuant to the provisions of sections  
21 337.600 to 337.689;

22 (6) Development of an appeal procedure for the review  
23 of decisions and rules of administrative agencies existing  
24 pursuant to the constitution or laws of this state;

25 (7) Establishment of a policy and procedure for  
26 reciprocity with states which do not have clinical, master,  
27 advanced macro, or baccalaureate social worker licensing  
28 laws and states whose licensing laws are not substantially  
29 similar to those of this state; [and]

30 (8) Establishment of a policy and procedure for  
31 reviewing social work degree programs offering a master's  
32 degree in social work that have achieved candidacy or  
33 precandidacy status in the accreditation process established  
34 by the Council on Social Work Education to determine whether  
35 to recognize and approve such programs for licensure  
36 purposes; and

37           (9) Any other policies or procedures necessary to the  
38 fulfillment of the requirements of sections 337.600 to  
39 337.689.

40           2. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is  
41 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the  
42 authority delegated in this section shall become effective  
43 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the  
44 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section  
45 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and  
46 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
47 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective  
48 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently  
49 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
50 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,  
51 2007, shall be invalid and void.

337.628. A social work degree program offering a  
2 master's degree in social work that has achieved candidacy  
3 or precandidacy status in the accreditation process  
4 established by the Council on Social Work Education shall  
5 not receive automatic recognition and approval by the  
6 committee due to that status under the rules adopted under  
7 section 337.627. Only such programs may apply to the  
8 committee for recognition and approval, and the committee  
9 shall review each application on an individualized basis to  
10 determine whether the program qualifies for recognition and  
11 approval.

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

3           (1) "License", a license, certificate, registration,  
4 permit, accreditation, or military occupational specialty  
5 that enables a person to legally practice an occupation or  
6 profession in a particular jurisdiction;

7 (2) "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States,  
8 including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps,  
9 Navy, Space Force, National Guard, and any other military  
10 branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed  
11 Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and  
12 auxiliaries. The term "military" also includes the military  
13 reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;

14 (3) "Nonresident military spouse", a nonresident  
15 spouse of an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the  
16 United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be  
17 transferred to the state of Missouri, or who has been  
18 transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to an adjacent  
19 state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri,  
20 or has moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-  
21 of-station basis;

22 (4) "Oversight body", any board, department, agency,  
23 or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses;

24 (5) "Resident military spouse", a spouse of an active-  
25 duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has  
26 been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the  
27 state of Missouri or an adjacent state and who is a  
28 permanent resident of the state of Missouri, who is  
29 domiciled in the state of Missouri, or who has Missouri as  
30 his or her home of record.

31 2. Each applicant for licensure as a master social  
32 worker shall furnish evidence to the committee that:

33 (1) The applicant has:

34 (a) A master's degree in social work from a social  
35 work degree program:

36 a. Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education;

37 or

38 b. Recognized and approved by the committee in  
39 accordance with rules adopted by the committee under section



40 337.627 and in accordance with the procedure set forth in  
41 section 337.628; or

42 (b) A doctorate degree in social work from an  
43 accredited social work degree program approved by the  
44 [council of social work education] Council on Social Work  
45 Education;

46 (2) The applicant has achieved a passing score, as  
47 defined by the committee, on an examination approved by the  
48 committee. The eligibility requirements for such  
49 examination shall be determined by the state committee for  
50 social workers;

51 (3) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age,  
52 is a United States citizen or has status as a legal resident  
53 alien, and has not been finally adjudicated and found  
54 guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a  
55 criminal prosecution under the laws of any state, of the  
56 United States, or of any country, for any offense directly  
57 related to the duties and responsibilities of the  
58 occupation, as set forth in section 324.012, regardless of  
59 whether or not sentence is imposed;

60 (4) The applicant has submitted a written application  
61 on forms prescribed by the state board; and

62 (5) The applicant has submitted the required licensing  
63 fee, as determined by the committee.

64 3. Any applicant who answers in the affirmative to any  
65 question on the application that relates to possible grounds  
66 for denial of licensure under section 337.630 shall submit a  
67 sworn affidavit setting forth in detail the facts which  
68 explain such answer and copies of appropriate documents  
69 related to such answer.

70 4. The committee shall issue a license to each person  
71 who files an application and fee as required by the  
72 provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and who furnishes

73 evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant  
74 has complied with the provisions of subsection 2 of this  
75 section. The license shall refer to the individual as a  
76 licensed master social worker and shall recognize that  
77 individual's right to practice licensed master social work  
78 as defined in section 337.600.

79         5. (1) Any person who holds a valid current master  
80 social work license issued by another state, a branch or  
81 unit of the military, a territory of the United States, or  
82 the District of Columbia, and who has been licensed for at  
83 least one year in such other jurisdiction, may submit to the  
84 committee an application for a master social work license in  
85 Missouri along with proof of current licensure and proof of  
86 licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction.

87         (2) The committee shall:

88         (a) Within six months of receiving an application  
89 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, waive any  
90 examination, educational, or experience requirements for  
91 licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines  
92 that there were minimum education requirements and, if  
93 applicable, work experience and clinical supervision  
94 requirements in effect and the other jurisdiction verifies  
95 that the person met those requirements in order to be  
96 licensed or certified in that jurisdiction. The committee  
97 may require an applicant to take and pass an examination  
98 specific to the laws of this state; or

99         (b) Within thirty days of receiving an application  
100 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection from a  
101 nonresident military spouse or a resident military spouse,  
102 waive any examination, educational, or experience  
103 requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant  
104 and issue such applicant a license under this subsection if

105 such applicant otherwise meets the requirements of this  
106 subsection.

107 (3) (a) The committee shall not waive any  
108 examination, educational, or experience requirements for any  
109 applicant who has had his or her license revoked by an  
110 oversight body outside the state; who is currently under  
111 investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is  
112 currently under disciplinary action, except as provided in  
113 paragraph (b) of this subdivision, with an oversight body  
114 outside the state; who does not hold a license in good  
115 standing with an oversight body outside the state; who has a  
116 criminal record that would disqualify him or her for  
117 licensure in Missouri; or who does not hold a valid current  
118 license in the other jurisdiction on the date the committee  
119 receives his or her application under this **[section]**  
120 subsection.

121 (b) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary  
122 action against an applicant, the committee shall determine  
123 if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter  
124 resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that  
125 jurisdiction, the committee may deny a license until the  
126 matter is resolved.

127 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the  
128 committee from denying a license to an applicant under this  
129 subsection for any reason described in section 337.630.

130 (5) Any person who is licensed under the provisions of  
131 this subsection shall be subject to the committee's  
132 jurisdiction and all rules and regulations pertaining to the  
133 practice as a licensed master social worker in this state.

134 (6) This subsection shall not be construed to waive  
135 any requirement for an applicant to pay any fees.

337.645. 1. Each applicant for licensure as an  
2 advanced macro social worker shall furnish evidence to the  
3 committee that:

4 (1) The applicant has:

5 (a) A master's degree from a college or university  
6 program of social work:

7 a. Accredited by the [council of social work  
8 education] Council on Social Work Education; or

9 b. Recognized and approved by the committee in  
10 accordance with rules adopted by the committee under section  
11 337.627 and in accordance with the procedure set forth in  
12 section 337.628; or

13 (b) A doctorate degree from a school of social work  
14 acceptable to the committee;

15 (2) The applicant has completed at least three  
16 thousand hours of supervised advanced macro experience with  
17 a qualified advanced macro supervisor as defined in section  
18 337.600 in no less than twenty-four months and no more than  
19 forty-eight consecutive calendar months. For any applicant  
20 who has successfully completed at least four thousand hours  
21 of supervised advanced macro experience with a qualified  
22 advanced macro supervisor, as defined in section 337.600,  
23 within the same time frame prescribed in this subsection,  
24 the applicant shall be eligible for application of licensure  
25 at three thousand hours and shall be furnished a certificate  
26 by the state committee for social workers acknowledging the  
27 completion of said additional hours;

28 (3) The applicant has achieved a passing score, as  
29 defined by the committee, on an examination approved by the  
30 committee. The eligibility requirements for such  
31 examination shall be promulgated by rule of the committee;

32 (4) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age,  
33 is a United States citizen or has status as a legal resident

34 alien, and has not been finally adjudicated and found  
35 guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a  
36 criminal prosecution under the laws of any state, of the  
37 United States, or of any country, for any offense directly  
38 related to the duties and responsibilities of the  
39 occupation, as set forth in section 324.012, regardless of  
40 whether or not sentence is imposed.

41 2. Any person holding a current license, certificate  
42 of registration, or permit from another state or territory  
43 of the United States or the District of Columbia to practice  
44 advanced macro social work who has had no disciplinary  
45 action taken against the license, certificate of  
46 registration, or permit for the preceding five years may be  
47 granted a license to practice advanced macro social work in  
48 this state if the person meets one of the following criteria:

49 (1) Has:

50 (a) Received:

51 a. A master's degree in social work from a social work  
52 program:

53 (i) Accredited by the Council on Social Work  
54 Education; or

55 (ii) Recognized and approved by the committee in  
56 accordance with rules adopted by the committee under section  
57 337.627 and in accordance with the procedure set forth in  
58 section 337.628; or

59 b. A doctoral degree from a college or university  
60 program of social work accredited by the [council of social  
61 work education] Council on Social Work Education; and [has]

62 (b) Been licensed to practice advanced macro social  
63 work for the preceding five years; or

64 (2) Is currently licensed or certified as an advanced  
65 macro social worker in another state, territory of the  
66 United States, or the District of Columbia having

67 substantially the same requirements as this state for  
68 advanced macro social workers.

69 3. The committee shall issue a license to each person  
70 who files an application and fee as required by the  
71 provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and who furnishes  
72 evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant  
73 has complied with the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4)  
74 of subsection 1 of this section or with the provisions of  
75 subsection 2 of this section.

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