

# Journal of the Senate

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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**SIXTY-SECOND DAY - MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025**

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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Wasinger in the Chair.

The Reverend Stephen George offered the following prayer:

“Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.” (Philippians 2:14-16a NIV)

Almighty God, as we begin this week’s work, grant us the strength to lead with integrity and honor. May our words and actions reflect our belief in You, may our example inspire others, and may our work bear fruit that lasts. We ask this in Your Holy Name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

A quorum being established, the Senate proceeded with its business.

The Journal for Thursday, May 1, 2025, was read and approved.

The following Senators were present during the day’s proceedings:

**Present—Senators**

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)
Gregory (21)	Henderson	Hough	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May
McCreery	Moon	Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	O’Laughlin	Roberts
Schnelting	Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—34	

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senators—None

Vacancies—None

The Lieutenant Governor was present.

## RESOLUTIONS

Senator McCreery offered Senate Resolution No. 435, regarding Meghana Hebbar, Valley Park, which was adopted.

Senator McCreery offered Senate Resolution No. 436, regarding Haley Brieler, Fenton, which was adopted.

Senator McCreery offered Senate Resolution No. 437, regarding Claire Krob, Kirkwood, which was adopted.

Senator McCreery offered Senate Resolution No. 438, regarding Reagan Redmon, Kirkwood, which was adopted.

Senator McCreery offered Senate Resolution No. 439, regarding Kaitlyn Emerson, Saint Louis, which was adopted.

Senator Schroer offered Senate Resolution No. 440, regarding Connor Hartwick, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 441, regarding Leslie Lough, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 442, regarding Carrie Smith, Palmyra, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 443, regarding Shelley Lewis, Palmyra, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 444, regarding Melissa Cunningham, Palmyra, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 445, regarding Camille Plunkett, Palmyra, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 446, regarding Brian Wosman, Hannibal, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 447, regarding Stacey Conrad, Palmyra, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 448, regarding David Kittle, Memphis, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 449, regarding Kay Bunge, Perry, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 450, regarding Lisa Johnson, Vandalia, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 451, regarding Shawna Penn, Mexico, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 452, regarding Robert Webb, Kirksville, which was adopted.

Senator O'Laughlin offered Senate Resolution No. 453, regarding Kathy Palmer, Novelty, which was adopted.

Senator Black offered Senate Resolution No. 454, regarding Tammy Wightman, Maysville, which was adopted.

Senator Black offered Senate Resolution No. 455, regarding Chris Heslinga, Lake Lotawana, which was adopted.

Senator Black offered Senate Resolution No. 456, regarding Jennifer White, Maysville, which was adopted.

Senator Burger offered Senate Resolution No. 457, regarding Norma Weber, Cape Girardeau, which was adopted.

Senator Burger offered Senate Resolution No. 458, regarding Becky Tapley, Scott City, which was adopted.

Senator Mosley offered Senate Resolution No. 459, regarding Anthony "Tony" Harold Dalske, Florissant, which was adopted.

Senator Mosley offered Senate Resolution No. 460, regarding Clabon "Clay" Wilbert Epps, Florissant, which was adopted.

Senator Webber offered Senate Resolution No. 461, regarding Abigail Lemberger Hughes, Columbia, which was adopted.

Senator Bernskoetter offered Senate Resolution No. 462, regarding the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club, which was adopted.

Senator Carter offered Senate Resolution No. 463, regarding Mary Arnold, which was adopted.

Senator Bean assumed the Chair.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Senator Luetkemeyer, Chair of the Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, submitted the following report:

Madam President: Your Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, to which was referred **SCR 2**, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and finds that the concurrent resolution do pass and that the printed copies furnished the Senators are correct.

Senator Bernskoetter, Chair of the Committee on Fiscal Oversight, submitted the following reports:

Madam President: Your Committee on Fiscal Oversight, to which were referred **HB 147**, with **SCS**, **HB 233**, with **SCS**, **HB 262**, and **HCS** for **HBs 799, 334, 424, and 1069**, with **SCS**, begs leave to report that it has considered the same and recommends that the bills do pass.

### **PRIVILEGED MOTIONS**

Senator Bernskoetter moved that the Senate refuse to concur in **HCS** for **SS** for **SB 7**, as amended, and request the House to recede from its position or, failing to do so, grant the Senate a conference thereon, which motion prevailed.

Senator Gregory (15) moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 71**, with **HCS**, as amended, be taken up for 3rd reading and final passage, which motion prevailed.

**HCS** for **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 71**, entitled:

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 71

An Act to repeal sections 34.074, 43.546, 57.530, 70.630, 87.140, 87.145, 87.260, 210.482, 210.487, 287.243, 569.170, 590.060, and 590.100, RSMo , and to enact in lieu thereof fifty-six new sections relating to compensation for public safety personnel, with penalty provisions and an emergency clause for a certain section.

Was taken up.

At the request of Senator Gregory (15), the motion to 3rd read and finally pass **HCS** for **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 71**, as amended, was withdrawn.

**REFERRALS**

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin referred **HB 49**, **HCS** for **HB 507**, with **SCS**, and **HCS** for **HB 607**, with **SCS**, to the Committee on Fiscal Oversight.

**PRIVILEGED MOTIONS**

Senator Gregory (21), on behalf of the conference committee appointed to act with a like committee from the House on **HCS** for **SS** for **SCS** for **SBs 81** and **174**, moved that the following conference committee report be taken up, which motion prevailed.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILLS NOS. 81 and 174

The Conference Committee appointed on House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bills Nos. 81 and 174, with House Amendment No. 1, House Amendment No. 1 to House Amendment No. 2, House Amendment No. 2, as amended, House Amendment No. 3, House Amendment No. 1 to House Amendment No. 4, House Amendment No. 4, as amended, House Amendment No. 1 to House Amendment No. 5, and House Amendment No. 5, as amended, begs leave to report that we, after free and fair discussion of the differences, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to the respective bodies as follows:

1. That the House recede from its position on House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bills Nos. 81 and 174, as amended;
2. That the Senate recede from its position on Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bills Nos. 81 and 174, as amended;
3. That the attached Conference Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bills Nos. 81 and 174, be Third Read and Finally Passed.

## FOR THE SENATE:

/s/ Senator Kurtis Gregory (21)

/s/ Senator Brad Hudson

/s/ Senator Nick Schroer

/s/ Senator Stephen Webber

/s/ Senator Barbara Washington

## FOR THE HOUSE:

/s/ Representative Tim Taylor (48)

/s/ Representative Brad Christ

/s/ Representative Phil Amato

/s/ Representative Mark Sharp (37)

/s/ Representative Aaron Crossley

Senator Gregory (21) moved that the above conference committee report be adopted, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

## YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)
Gregory (21)	Henderson	Hough	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May
McCreery	Mosley	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Roberts	Schnelting	Schroer
Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—32			

## NAYS—Senators

Moon Nicola—2

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senators—None

Vacancies—None

On motion of Senator Gregory (21), **CCS for HCS for SS for SCS for SBs 81 and 174**, entitled:

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILLS NOS. 81 and 174

An Act to repeal sections 43.546, 49.266, 210.482, 210.487, 253.195, 287.243, 292.606, 320.106, 320.111, 320.116, 320.121, 320.126, 320.131, 320.141, 320.151, 320.371, 324.009, 537.046, 568.070, and 590.060, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof sixty new sections relating to public safety, with penalty provisions and an emergency clause for a certain section.

Was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

## YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)
Gregory (21)	Henderson	Hough	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May
McCreery	Mosley	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Roberts	Schnelting	Schroer
Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—32			

## NAYS—Senators

Moon Nicola—2

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senators—None

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

The emergency clause was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Carter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)
Gregory (21)	Henderson	Hough	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May
McCreery	Mosley	Nurrenbern	O'Laughlin	Roberts	Schnelting	Schroer
Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—32			

NAYS—Senators

Moon Nicola—2

Absent—Senators—None

Absent with leave—Senators—None

Vacancies—None

On motion of Senator Gregory (21), title to the bill was agreed to.

Senator Gregory (21) moved that the vote by which the bill passed be reconsidered.

Senator Luetkemeyer moved that motion lay on the table, which motion prevailed.

### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives through its Chief:

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House refuses to recede from its position on **HCS** for **SS** for **SB 63**, as amended, and grants the Senate a conference thereon.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **CCS** for **SS** for **HCS** for **HBs 595** and **343**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 339.780 and 441.043, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to real estate transactions.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Also,

Madam President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on **HCS** for **SS** for **SB 63**, as amended. Representatives: Deaton, Hurlbert, Boggs, Jobe, Collins.

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin appointed the following conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on **SS** for **SB 63**, with **HCS**, as amended: Senators Brown (26), Brattin, Fitzwater, Beck, and McCreery.

Also,

President Pro Tem O’Laughlin appointed the following conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 68**, with **HCS**, as amended: Senators Henderson, Brattin, Fitzwater, Nurrenbern, and Webber.

### HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

**HB 262**, introduced by Representative Brown, entitled:

An Act to amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto seven new sections relating to alternative therapies for veterans.

Was taken up by Senator Brattin.

On motion of Senator Brattin, **HB 262** was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

#### YEAS—Senators

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)
Burger	Cierpiot	Coleman	Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (15)	Gregory (21)
Henderson	Hough	Hudson	Lewis	Luetkemeyer	May	McCreery
Moon	Mosley	Nicola	Nurrenbern	O’Laughlin	Roberts	Schnelting
Schroer	Trent	Washington	Webber	Williams—33		

NAYS—Senators—None

Absent—Senator Carter—1

Absent with leave—Senators—None

Vacancies—None

The President declared the bill passed.

On motion of Senator Brattin, title to the bill was agreed to.

Senator Brattin moved that the vote by which the bill passed be reconsidered.

Senator Luetkemeyer moved that motion lay on the table, which motion prevailed.

At the request of Senator Fitzwater, **HCS** for **HBs 799, 334, 424, and 1069**, with **SCS**, was placed on the Informal Calendar.

**HB 147**, introduced by Representative Hovis, with **SCS**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 70.630, 70.655, 70.680, 70.690, 70.745, 70.746, 70.747, 86.200, 87.140, 87.145, 87.155, 87.260, 87.350, 105.688, 143.124, and 169.490, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eighteen new sections relating to retirement.

Was taken up by Senator Black.

**SCS** for **HB 147**, entitled:

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 147

An Act to repeal sections 70.630, 70.655, 70.680, 70.690, 70.745, 70.746, 70.747, 86.200, 87.140, 87.145, 87.155, 87.260, 87.350, 105.688, and 143.124, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eighteen new sections relating to retirement.

Was taken up.

Senator Black moved that **SCS** for **HB 147** be adopted.

Senator Black offered **SS** for **SCS** for **HB 147**, entitled:

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 147

An Act to repeal sections 57.280, 57.952, 57.955, 57.961, 57.962, 57.967, 70.630, 70.655, 70.680, 70.690, 70.745, 70.746, 70.747, 86.200, 87.140, 87.145, 87.155, 87.260, 87.350, 105.688, 143.124, 483.088, 488.024, and 488.435, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-four new sections relating to retirement.

Senator Black moved that **SS** for **SCS** for **HB 147** be adopted.

Senator Crawford offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 147, Page 7, Section 57.956, Line 27, by inserting after all of said line the following:

**“4. This section shall be effective on January 1, 2026.”.**

Senator Crawford moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Senator Roberts offered **SA 2**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 147, Page 52, Section 143.124, Line 244, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“169.450. 1. The general administration and responsibility for the proper operation of the retirement system and for making effective the provisions of sections 169.410 to 169.540 are hereby vested in a board of trustees of [eleven] **thirteen** persons, as follows:

(1) Four trustees to be appointed for terms of four years by the board of education; provided, however, that their terms shall be fixed so the terms of one of the trustees so appointed shall expire each year. The



members of such board of trustees appointed by the board of education may be members of the board of education or other individuals deemed qualified to hold such positions by the board of education;

(2) Four trustees to be elected for terms of four years by and from the active members of the retirement system who shall hold office as trustees only while active members; provided, however, that their terms shall be fixed so that the terms of one of the trustees so elected shall expire each year; and provided further, that not more than two of such persons shall be teachers and two shall be nonteachers. For the purposes of this subsection, a school administrator shall not be eligible for the positions established pursuant to this subdivision and shall be eligible for the position established pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection;

(3) Two trustees, who shall be retired members, to be elected for terms of four years by and from the retired members of the retirement system; provided, however, that the terms of office of the first two trustees so elected shall begin immediately upon their election and shall expire two and four years from the date of their election, respectively; and provided further, that not more than one of such persons shall be a teacher and one shall be a nonteacher;

(4) One member, who shall be a school administrator, to be elected for a term of four years by and from the active members of the retirement system who shall hold office as a trustee only while an active member; except that, the initial term of office of such trustee shall expire on December 31, 1999;

**(5) Two trustees to be appointed for terms of four years by the Missouri Public Charter School Association; provided, however, that the terms of office of the first two trustees so elected shall begin immediately upon their election and shall expire two and four years from the date of their election, respectively. The members of such board of trustees appointed by the Missouri Public Charter School Association shall have experience or qualifications relevant to public charter schools and the retirement system, and at least one such member shall be a teacher. The appointment of the trustees shall be subject to the same rules and regulations applicable to other trustees, including, but not limited to, taking an oath of office as provided in subsection 5 of this section.**

2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of trustee, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the office was previously filled. No vacancy or vacancies on the board of trustees shall impair the power of the remaining trustees to administer the retirement system pending the filling of such vacancies.

3. In the event of a lapse of a school district's corporate organization as described in subsections 1 and 4 of section 162.081, or for any other reason, the general administration and the responsibility for the proper operation of the retirement system shall continue to be fully vested in the trustees then currently serving and such trustees shall continue to serve and be elected in the same manner as set forth in this statute as if no lapse had occurred, except that in the event of vacancies occurring in the office of trustees appointed by the board of education prior to the lapse, the board of trustees shall appoint a qualified person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies for terms of up to four years.

4. Trustees shall serve without compensation, and any trustee shall be reimbursed from the expense fund for all necessary expenses which the trustee may incur through service on the board of trustees.

5. Each trustee shall, within ten days after such trustee's appointment or election, take an oath of office before the clerk of the circuit court of the judicial circuit in which the school district is located that, so far as it devolves upon the trustee, the trustee will diligently and honestly administer the affairs of the board

of trustees and that the trustee will not knowingly violate or willingly permit to be violated any of the provisions of the law applicable to the retirement system. Such oath shall be subscribed to by the trustee making it and filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court.

6. The circuit court of the judicial circuit in which the school district is located shall have jurisdiction over the members of the board of trustees to require them to account for their official conduct in the management and disposition of the funds and property committed to their charge; to order, decree and compel payment by them to the public school retirement system of their school district of all sums of money, and of the value of all property which may have been improperly retained by them, or transferred to others, or which may have been lost or wasted by any violation of their duties or abuse of their powers as such members of such board; to remove any such member upon proof that the trustee has abused the trustee's trust or has violated the duties of the trustee's office; to restrain and prevent any alienation or disposition of property of such public school retirement system by the members, in cases where it may be threatened, or there is good reason to apprehend that it is intended to be made in fraud of the rights and interests of such public school retirement system. The jurisdiction conferred by sections 169.410 to 169.540 shall be exercised as in ordinary cases upon petition, filed by the board of education of such school district, or by any two members of the board of trustees. Such petition shall be heard in a summary manner after ten days' notice in writing to the member complained of, and an appeal shall lie from the judgment of the circuit court as in other causes and be speedily determined, but such appeal shall not operate under any condition as a supersedeas of a judgment of removal from office.

7. Each trustee shall be entitled to one vote in the board of trustees. Six votes shall be necessary for a decision by the trustees at any meeting of the board of trustees.

8. Subject to the limitations of sections 169.410 to 169.540, the board of trustees shall, from time to time, establish rules and regulations for the administration of the retirement system, for eligibility for and determination of benefits under the retirement system, for the investment of retirement system assets, and for the transaction of the retirement system's business.

9. The board of trustees shall elect from its membership a chairman and shall, by majority vote of its members, appoint a secretary, who may be, but need not be, one of its members. It shall engage such actuarial and other services as shall be required to transact the business of the retirement system. It shall also engage an investment counselor who shall be experienced in the investment of moneys to advise the trustees on investments of the retirement system. The compensation of all persons engaged by the board of trustees and all other expenses of the board necessary for the operation of the retirement system shall be paid at such rates and in such amounts as the board of trustees shall approve.

10. The board of trustees shall keep in convenient form such data as shall be necessary for actuarial valuations of the assets of the retirement system and for checking the experience of the system.

11. The board of trustees shall keep a record of all its proceedings which shall be open to public inspection. It shall prepare annually and send to the board of education and to each member of the retirement system a report showing the fiscal transactions of the retirement system for the preceding fiscal year, a detailed listing of all salaries and expenditures incurred by the trustees for its operation, the amount of the accumulated cash and securities of the system, and the last balance sheet showing the financial condition of the system by means of an actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the retirement system. The board of trustees shall also prepare or cause to be prepared an annual report concerning the

operation of the retirement system herein provided for, which report shall be sent by the chairman of the board of trustees to the board of education.

12. The board of trustees shall arrange for necessary legal advice for the operation of the retirement system.

13. The board of trustees shall designate a medical board to be composed of three physicians, none of whom shall be eligible for benefits pursuant to sections 169.410 to 169.540, who shall arrange for and pass upon all medical examinations required pursuant to the provisions of sections 169.410 to 169.540, shall investigate all essential statements and certificates made by or on behalf of a member in connection with an application for disability retirement and shall report in writing to the board of trustees its conclusions and recommendations upon all matters referred to it.

14. The actuary shall be the technical adviser of the board of trustees on matters regarding the operation of the system created by sections 169.410 to 169.540 and shall perform such other duties as are required in connection therewith. Such person shall be qualified as an actuary by membership as a fellow in the Society of Actuaries or by objective standards which are no less stringent than those established by the Society of Actuaries.

15. At least once in each five-year period the actuary shall make an investigation into the actuarial experience of the retirement system, and taking into account the results of such investigation of the experience, the board of trustees shall adopt for the retirement system such actuarial assumptions as shall be deemed necessary.

16. On the basis of such actuarial assumptions as the board of trustees shall adopt, the actuary shall make an annual valuation of the assets and liabilities of the funds of the retirement system.

17. On the basis of the valuation the board of trustees shall certify the rates of contribution payable by the board of education.

169.490. 1. All the assets of the retirement system shall be held as one fund.

2. (1) For any member hired before January 1, 2018, the employing board shall cause to be deducted from the compensation of each member at every payroll period five percent of his or her compensation.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2018, the percentage in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall increase one-half of one percent annually until such time as the percentage equals nine percent.

(3) For any member hired for the first time on or after January 1, 2018, the employing board shall cause to be deducted from the compensation of each member at every payroll period nine percent of such member's compensation.

(4) The amounts so deducted shall be transferred to the board of trustees and credited to the individual account of each member from whose compensation the deduction was made. In determining the amount earnable by a member in any payroll period, the board of trustees may consider the rate of earnable compensation payable to such member on the first day of the payroll period as continuing throughout such payroll period; it may omit deduction from compensation for any period less than a full payroll period if the employee was not a member on the first day of the payroll period; and to facilitate the making of the

deductions, it may modify the deduction required of any member by such amount as shall not exceed one-tenth of one percent of the compensation upon the basis of which such deduction was made.

(5) The deductions provided for herein are declared to be a part of the salary of the member and the making of such deductions shall constitute payments by the member out of his or her salary or earnings and such deductions shall be made notwithstanding that the minimum compensation provided by law for any member shall be reduced thereby. Every member shall be deemed to consent to the deductions made and provided for herein, and shall receipt for his or her full salary or compensation, and the making of said deductions and the payment of salary or compensation less said deduction shall be a full and complete discharge and acquittance of all claims and demands whatsoever for services rendered during the period covered by the payment except as to benefits provided by sections 169.410 to 169.540.

(6) The employing board may elect to pay member contributions required by this section as an employer pick up of employee contributions under Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and such contributions picked up by the employing board shall be treated as contributions made by members for all purposes of sections 169.410 to 169.540.

3. If a retired member receiving a pension pursuant to sections 169.410 to 169.540 is restored to active service and again becomes an active member of the retirement system, there shall be credited to his or her individual account an amount equal to the excess, if any, of his or her accumulated contributions at retirement over the total pension benefits paid to him or her.

4. [Annually, the actuary for the retirement system shall calculate each employer's contribution as an amount equal to a certain percentage of the total compensation of all members employed by that employer. The percentage shall be fixed on the basis of the liabilities of the retirement system as shown by the annual actuarial valuation. The annual actuarial valuation shall be made on the basis of such actuarial assumptions and the actuarial cost method adopted by the board of trustees, provided that the actuarial cost method adopted shall be in accordance with generally accepted actuarial standards and that the unfunded actuarial accrued liability, if any, shall be amortized by level annual payments over a period not to exceed thirty years. The provisions of this subsection shall expire on December 31, 2017; thereafter subsection 5 of this section shall apply.

5.] For calendar year 2018, the rate of contribution payable by each employer shall equal sixteen percent of the total compensation of all members employed by that employer. For each calendar year thereafter, the percentage rate of contribution payable by each employer of the total compensation of all members employed by that employer shall decrease one-half of one percent annually until calendar year [2032] **2025** when the rate of contribution payable by each employer shall equal [nine] **twelve and one-half** percent of the total compensation of all members employed by that employer. For [subsequent] calendar [years] **year 2026 and each calendar year** after [2032] **2026**, the rate of contribution payable by each employer shall equal [nine] **fourteen** percent of the total compensation of all members employed by that employer.

[6.] **5.** The expense and contingency reserve shall be a reserve for investment contingencies and estimated expenses of administration of the retirement system as determined annually by the board of trustees.

[7.] 6. Gifts, devises, bequests and legacies may be accepted by the board of trustees to be held and invested as a part of the assets of the retirement system and shall not be separately accounted for except where specific direction for the use of a gift is made by a donor.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator Roberts moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Senator Gregory (21) offered SA 3:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 3

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 147, Page 27, Section 70.748, Line 29, by inserting after all of said line the following:

“84.540. 1. Upon recommendation of the chief of police, the board may authorize and provide for the organization of a police reserve force composed of residents of the city who qualify under the provisions of subsection 1 of section 84.570, **however, in the interest of efficiency and public safety, no person shall serve as a member of such police reserve force following the last day of the month in which the person becomes sixty-five years of age.** Such reserve force shall be under the command of the chief of police and shall be provided training, equipment, uniforms, and arms as the chief shall direct with the approval of the board; and when assigned to active duty the members of the reserve force shall possess all of the powers of regular police officers and shall be subject to all laws and regulations applicable to police officers; provided, however, that the city council or other governing body of any such city may in its discretion fix a total in number which the reserve force may not exceed.

2. In event of riot or other emergencies as declared and defined by the mayor, the city council or other governing body in such city in concurrence with the board, the board, upon recommendation of the chief, may appoint special officers or patrolmen for temporary service in addition to the police reserve force herein provided for, but the length of time for which such officers or patrolmen shall be employed shall be limited to the time during which such emergency shall exist.

84.570. 1. No person shall be appointed policeman or officer of police who shall have been convicted of any offense, the punishment of which may be confinement in the state penitentiary; nor shall any person be appointed who is not proven to be of good character, or who is not proven to be a bona fide citizen of the United States, or who cannot read and write the English language and who does not possess ordinary physical strength and courage, nor shall any person be originally appointed to said police force who is less than twenty-one years of age. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board shall have the sole authority to determine conditions of employment for police officers pursuant to section 84.460.

**2. In the interest of efficiency and public safety, law enforcement officers, as such term is defined in 29 U.S.C. Section 630 or any successor statute, shall be separated from service on the last day of the month in which the employee becomes sixty-five years of age or reaches thirty-five years of creditable service, as such term is defined in section 86.900, whichever occurs later.**

3. The board shall from time to time require open competitive examinations or tests for determining the qualifications and fitness of all applicants for appointment to positions on the police force. Such examinations and tests shall be practical and shall relate to matters which fairly measure the relative fitness of the candidates to discharge the duties of the positions to which they seek to be appointed. Notice of

such examinations and tests shall be given not less than ten days in advance thereof by public advertisement in at least one newspaper of general circulation in such city, and by posting notice in the police headquarters building. A list of those qualifying in such examinations shall be established, listing those qualified in order of rank. When an appointment is to be made, the appointment shall be made from such eligible list.

[3.] 4. The board shall also establish rules for:

- (1) Temporary employment for not exceeding sixty days in the absence of any eligible list;
- (2) Hours of work of police employees and officers subject to the provisions of section 84.510; and
- (3) Attendance regulations and leaves of absence.”; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator Gregory (21) moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Senator Webber offered SA 4:

#### SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 4

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 147, Pages 45-52, Section 143.124, by striking all of said section from the bill; and

Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

Senator Webber moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Senator Nicola offered SA 5:

#### SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 5

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 147, Page 38, Section 105.688, Lines 55-64, by striking all of said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following: **“characteristics; and”**; and

Further renumber the remaining subdivision accordingly.

Senator Nicola moved that the above amendment be adopted, which motion failed.

Senator Hudson assumed the Chair.

Senator Moon offered SA 6:

#### SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 6

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 147, Page 41, Section 105.693, Line 69, by inserting after all of said line the following:

**“(c) Any investment that is domiciled, issued, incorporated, or listed in the People’s Republic of China, other than a U.S. person or U.S. subsidiary, as the terms “U.S. person” or “U.S. subsidiary” are defined in 15 CFR 772.1, or that is publicly confirmed to be controlled by the People’s Republic of China, the Chinese Communist Party, or a provincial division, municipality, governmental**

**agency, sovereign wealth fund, or political instrumentality of the People's Republic of China;”**; and further amend said section by renumbering the remaining paragraphs accordingly; and

Further amend said bill and section, page 45, lines 179-181, by striking all of said lines; and further amend said section by renumbering the remaining subdivision accordingly.

Senator Moon moved that the above amendment be adopted and requested a roll call vote be taken. He was joined in his request by Senators Brattin, Brown (26), Carter, and Nicola.

At the request of Senator Black, **HB 147**, with **SCS**, **SS** for **SCS**, and **SA 6** (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

**HB 233**, introduced by Representative Gallick, with **SCS**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 64.23, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to county planning board hearing notices.

Was taken up by Senator Brattin.

**SCS** for **HB 233**, entitled:

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 233

An Act to repeal sections 64.231 and 251.034, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to planning boards.

Was taken up.

Senator Brattin moved that **SCS** for **HB 233** be adopted.

At the request of Senator Brattin, **HB 233**, with **SCS** (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

**HCS** for **HB 75**, entitled:

An Act to amend chapter 1, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri religious freedom protection act.

Was called from the Informal Calendar and taken up by Senator Schnelting.

Senator Lewis offered **SA 1**:

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 75, Page 1, Section 1.810, Line 15, by inserting after all of said line the following:

**“6. The provisions of subsections 3 and 4 of this section shall not apply to actions that violate any provision of the criminal code.”**; and further amend said section by renumbering the remaining subsection accordingly.

Senator Lewis moved that the above amendment be adopted.

Senator Beck requested a roll call vote be taken. He was joined in his request by Senators Lewis, McCreery, Roberts, and Washington.

**SA 1** failed of adoption by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators						
Beck	Lewis	May	McCreery	Mosley	Nurrenbern	Roberts
Washington	Webber	Williams—10				
NAYS—Senators						
Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)	Burger	Carter	Cierpiot
Crawford	Fitzwater	Gregory (21)	Henderson	Hudson	Luetkemeyer	Moon
Nicola	O'Laughlin	Schnelting	Schroer	Trent—19		
Absent—Senators						
Bean	Bernskoetter	Coleman	Gregory (15)	Hough—5		
Absent with leave—Senators—None						
Vacancies—None						

Senator Washington offered **SA 2**:

#### SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 75, Page 1, Section 1.810, Line 14, by striking the word “knowingly” from said line.

Senator Washington moved that the above amendment be adopted and requested a roll call vote be taken. She was joined in her request by Senators McCreery, Mosley, Nurrenbern, and Roberts.

**SA 2** failed of adoption by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators						
Beck	Lewis	May	McCreery	Mosley	Nurrenbern	Roberts
Washington	Webber	Williams—10				
NAYS—Senators						
Black	Brattin	Brown (16)	Brown (26)	Burger	Carter	Crawford
Fitzwater	Gregory (21)	Henderson	Hudson	Luetkemeyer	Moon	Nicola
O'Laughlin	Schnelting	Schroer	Trent—18			
Absent—Senators						
Bean	Bernskoetter	Cierpiot	Coleman	Gregory (15)	Hough—6	
Absent with leave—Senators—None						
Vacancies—None						

Senator Nurrenbern offered **SA 3**:

#### SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 3

Amend House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 75, Page 2, Section 1.810, Line 17, by inserting after the word “codes” the following: “**or to orders designed to prevent physical harm or death to the people of Missouri**”.



Senator Nurrenbern moved that the above amendment be adopted.

Senator Bean assumed the Chair.

At the request of Senator Schnelting, **HCS** for **HB 75**, with **SA 3** (pending), was placed on the Informal Calendar.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE**

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives through its Chief:

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and adopted **SS** for **SCS** for **HB 754**, as amended, and has taken up and passed **SS** for **SCS** for **HB 754**, as amended.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS** for **SS** for **SB 160**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 172.280, 174.160, 178.786, and 178.787, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twelve new sections relating to educational institutions, with an emergency clause for a certain section.

With HA 1, HA 2, HA 3, HA 4, HA 5, HA 6, HA 7, HA 8, HA 9, HA 10.

Emergency Clause Defeated.

### **HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160, Page 5, Section 160.231, Lines 9-10, by deleting the phrase "**shall not be civilly liable for establishing**" and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "**may establish**"; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

### **HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 2**

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160, Page 1, Section 160.014, Line 4, by deleting the phrase "**Working Definition of Antisemitism**" and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "**non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism**"; and

Further amend said bill, Page 6, Section 173.001, Line 4, by deleting the phrase "**Working Definition of Antisemitism**" and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "**non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism**"; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

### **HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 3**

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160, Page 5, Section

160.231, Line 27, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

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

- (1) Is for individuals who do not have a high school diploma and who are [twenty-one] **eighteen** years of age or older;
- (2) Offers an industry certification program or programs and a high school diploma in a manner that allows students to earn a diploma at the same time that they earn an industry certification;
- (3) Offers child care for children of enrolled students attending the school; and
- (4) Is not eligible to receive funding under section 160.415 or 163.031.

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

- (1) One adult high school to be located in a city not within a county;
- (2) One adult high school to be located in a county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than forty-one thousand but fewer than forty-five thousand inhabitants or a county contiguous to that county;
- (3) One adult high school to be located in a county of the first classification with more than two hundred sixty thousand but fewer than three hundred thousand inhabitants or a county contiguous to that county;
- (4) One adult high school to be located in a county of the first classification with more than one hundred fifty thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants; and
- (5) One adult high school to be located in a county with more than seven hundred thousand but fewer than eight hundred thousand inhabitants, or a contiguous county.

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

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

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

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

(3) Demonstrate substantial and positive experience in providing services, including industry certifications and job placement services, to adults [twenty-one] **eighteen** years of age or older whose educational and training opportunities have been limited by educational disadvantages, disabilities, homelessness, criminal history, or similar circumstances;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Requirements for a high school diploma shall be based on an adult student's prior high school achievement and the remaining credits and coursework that would be necessary for the student to receive a high school diploma if such student were in a traditional high school setting. The adult student shall meet the requirements with the same level of academic rigor as would otherwise be necessary to attain such credits.

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

(4) Students at adult high schools may complete required coursework at their own pace and as available through the adult high school. They shall not be required to satisfy any specific number of class minutes. The adult high school may also make classes available to students online as may be appropriate. However, students shall not complete the majority of instruction of the school's curriculum online or

through remote instruction. For the purposes of this subsection, synchronous instruction connecting students to a live class conducted in a Missouri adult high school shall be treated the same as in-person instruction.

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

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

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

2. An adult high school shall give a preference in admission to those students who receive any local, state, or federal assistance in which a person or family is required not to exceed a certain income level in order to qualify for the assistance.

**3. For the purposes of compiling and tracking dropout rates of a local education agency by the department of elementary and secondary education, a student transferring from a local education agency to an adult high school shall be considered a transfer student and not a dropout student from the local education agency.**

**161.264. 1. Subject to appropriation, the department of elementary and secondary education shall establish a statewide program to be known as the "STEM Career Awareness Activity Program" to increase STEM career awareness among students in grades nine through twelve. For the purposes of this section, "STEM" means science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.**

**2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promote the statewide program beginning in the 2026-27 school year. The program shall introduce students in grades nine through twelve to a wide variety of STEM careers and technology through an activity program that involves participating in STEM-related activities at state, national, or international competitions.**

**3. (1) By January 1, 2026, the department of elementary and secondary education shall solicit proposals to provide the activity program. By March 1, 2026, the department of elementary and secondary education shall select a provider for the program.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "STEM Career Awareness Activity Fund". The fund shall consist of any appropriations, gifts, bequests, or public or private donations to such fund. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements of public moneys in accordance with distribution requirements and procedures developed by the department of elementary and secondary education. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this section. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

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

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

#### HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 4

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160, Page 1, Section A, Line 4, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"23.295. If an employee is displaced because a program is sunset, reorganized, or continued, the state agency and the [division] **office** of workforce development in the department of [economic] **higher education and workforce** development shall make a reasonable effort to relocate the displaced employee."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 5, Section 160.231, Line 27, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"160.575. 1. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a "ready to work" endorsement program that enables high schools to endorse a certificate for students who meet certain standards that demonstrate that such students are deemed ready to work. The program shall be available no later than June 30, 2007.

2. The program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Voluntary participation by high school seniors who choose to participate;

(2) Academic components;

(3) Work readiness components;

(4) Assessment tools and techniques for a third-party, independent, and objective assessment and endorsement of individual student achievement through an existing workforce investment service delivery system; and

(5) An easily identifiable guarantee to potential employers that the entry-level employee is ready to work.

3. In developing such standards, the department shall involve representatives of the [division] **office** of workforce development, employers, students, career center providers, local workforce investment boards, and school district personnel.

166.435. 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the assets of the program held by the board, the assets of any deposit program authorized in section 166.500, and the assets of any qualified tuition program established pursuant to Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code and any income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation by the state or any of its political subdivisions. Income earned or received from the program, deposit, or other qualified tuition programs established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, or refunds of qualified education expenses received by a beneficiary from an eligible educational institution in connection with withdrawal from enrollment at such institution which are contributed within sixty days of withdrawal to a qualified tuition program of which such individual is a beneficiary shall not be subject to state income tax imposed pursuant to chapter 143 and shall be eligible for any benefits provided in accordance with Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. The exemption from taxation pursuant to this section shall apply only to assets and income maintained, accrued, or expended pursuant to the requirements of the program established pursuant to sections 166.400 to 166.455, the deposit program established pursuant to sections 166.500 to 166.529, and other qualified tuition

programs established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, and no exemption shall apply to assets and income expended for any other purposes. Annual contributions made **only** to the [program held by the board, the] deposit program[, and any qualified tuition] **or the Missouri education** program established under [Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code] **sections 166.400 to 166.455, or both**, up to and including eight thousand dollars per taxpayer, and up to sixteen thousand dollars for married individuals filing a joint tax return, shall be subtracted in determining Missouri adjusted gross income pursuant to section 143.121.

2. If any deductible contributions to or earnings from any such program referred to in this section are distributed and not used to pay qualified education expenses, not transferred as allowed by 26 U.S.C. Section 529(c)(3)(C)(i), as amended, and any Internal Revenue Service regulations or guidance issued in relation thereto, or are not held for the minimum length of time established by the appropriate Missouri board, then the amount so distributed shall be included in the Missouri adjusted gross income of the participant, or, if the participant is not living, the beneficiary.

3. The provisions of this section shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, and the provisions of this section with regard to sections 166.500 to 166.529 shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2004."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 6, Section 172.280, Line 8, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"172.610. There is hereby created and established a permanent fund for the support of the state university, with its several divisions, to be denominated "The Seminary Fund", which shall consist of all certificates of indebtedness of the state of Missouri, issued under sections 172.610 to [172.720] **172.650**, and the proceeds thereof; the net proceeds of all sales of lands granted to the state for the benefit of the state university with its several divisions, as provided by law; and all gifts, grants, bequests, or devises to said seminary fund or the state for the benefit of the university, and not otherwise appropriated by the terms of any such gift, grant, bequest or devise, which fund shall be paid into the state treasury, and be securely invested by the board of curators of the state university and sacredly preserved as a seminary fund, the annual income of which shall be faithfully appropriated for the maintenance of the state university, and for no other uses or purposes whatsoever, said income to be applied as directed by the board of curators of the state university, unless otherwise directed by the terms of the act of Congress or of the general assembly relating thereto, or by the terms of the certificate, instrument of gift, grant, bequest or devise by which any such certificate, property, securities, or money were received.

172.640. [Whenever said board shall contract with the seller of any such bonds or securities, the board shall requisition and the commissioner of administration shall approve, and the state auditor shall forthwith issue, a warrant upon the state treasurer for the purchase price agreed upon, payable out of the seminary

fund, in favor of such seller. All bonds or securities so purchased shall be made payable to, or be registered in the name of, the state treasurer as trustee of the seminary fund and shall be deposited as part of the seminary fund with the state treasurer who shall give his receipt therefor to said board of curators] **1. The state university shall establish a separate custodial account at a financial institution in which the amounts in the seminary fund shall be deposited and held. The state university shall invest the amounts in the custodial account in government bonds under section 172.630. The earnings on such bonds in the custodial account may be withdrawn by the university and any withdrawals shall be used by the university for the maintenance of the state university, its College of Agriculture, and the University of Missouri-Rolla campus.**

**2. The state university shall provide a report from the financial institution as to the receipts and expenditures from the custodial account to the state treasurer no less often than annually.**

172.650. 1. All of the state certificates of indebtedness issued to, and part of, the seminary fund, whether original certificates or renewals thereof, are hereby confirmed as sacred obligations of the state to said fund, and they shall be and remain nonnegotiable, unconvertible and untransferable from the purposes of their issue, and they shall remain so much of the permanent seminary fund as is represented by their amounts, respectively, until they shall be liquidated by the general assembly by appropriation and payment of the face amounts thereof to the seminary fund.

2. The general assembly may provide for the partial liquidation of any and all of said certificates by appropriation and payment to the seminary fund of a portion or portions of the face amounts thereof and, in any such event, a new certificate of indebtedness shall issue for the balance of the face amount of such partially liquidated certificate which remains unpaid after such partial liquidation.

[3. When the certificates of indebtedness of the state to the seminary fund shall mature, renewal certificates in form substantially similar to the maturing certificates and for like amounts, payable to the state treasurer as trustee of the seminary fund, with like maturities, and bearing the same rates of interest, payable in like manner, as provided in the maturing certificates, shall be executed, countersigned, and sealed in like manner as specified in section 172.611.

4. Upon the execution of such renewal certificates, they shall be deposited with the state treasurer as part of the seminary fund and the matured certificates of indebtedness shall be forthwith cancelled by the state treasurer. Receipts for all original and renewal certificates of indebtedness deposited in the state treasury, and notices of all cancellations thereof, shall be given by the state treasurer to the board of curators of the state university.]" and

Further amend said bill, Page 8, Section 173.002, Line 53, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:



"173.005. 1. There is hereby created a "Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development", and the division of higher education of the department of education is abolished and all its powers, duties, functions, personnel and property are transferred as provided by the Reorganization Act of 1974, Appendix B, RSMo.

2. The commission on higher education is abolished and all its powers, duties, personnel and property are transferred by type I transfer to the "Coordinating Board for Higher Education", which is hereby created, and the coordinating board shall be the head of the department. The coordinating board shall consist of nine members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, and not more than five of its members shall be of the same political party. None of the members shall be engaged professionally as an educator or educational administrator with a public or private institution of higher education at the time appointed or during his term. Moreover, no person shall be appointed to the coordinating board who shall not be a citizen of the United States, and who shall not have been a resident of the state of Missouri two years next prior to appointment, and at least one but not more than two persons shall be appointed to said board from each congressional district. The term of service of a member of the coordinating board shall be six years and said members, while attending the meetings of the board, shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, nothing in this section relating to a change in the composition and configuration of congressional districts in this state shall prohibit a member who is serving a term on August 28, 2011, from completing his or her term. The coordinating board may, in order to carry out the duties prescribed for it in subsections 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8 of this section, employ such professional, clerical and research personnel as may be necessary to assist it in performing those duties, but this staff shall not, in any fiscal year, exceed twenty-five full-time equivalent employees regardless of the source of funding. In addition to all other powers, duties and functions transferred to it, the coordinating board for higher education shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) The coordinating board for higher education may approve, not approve, or provisionally approve proposed new degree programs to be offered by the state institutions of higher education. The coordinating board may authorize a degree program outside an institution's coordinating board-approved mission only when the coordinating board has received clear evidence that the institution proposing to offer the program:

(a) Made a good-faith effort to explore the feasibility of offering the program in collaboration with an institution the mission of which includes offering the program;

(b) Is contributing substantially to the goals in the coordinating board's coordinated plan for higher education;

(c) Has the existing capacity to ensure the program is delivered in a high-quality manner;

- (d) Has demonstrated that the proposed program is needed;
- (e) Has a clear plan to meet the articulated workforce need; and
- (f) Such other factors deemed relevant by the coordinating board;

(2) The governing board of each public institution of higher education in the state shall have the power and authority to confer degrees in chiropractic, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry only in collaboration with the University of Missouri, provided that such collaborative agreements are approved by the governing board of each institution and that in these instances the University of Missouri will be the degree-granting institution. Should the University of Missouri decline to collaborate in the offering of such programs, any of these institutions may seek approval of the program through the coordinating board for higher education's comprehensive review process when doing so would not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program, collaboration is not feasible or a viable means of meeting the needs of students and employers, and the institution has the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in a high quality manner;

(3) The coordinating board for higher education may promote and encourage the development of cooperative agreements between Missouri public four-year institutions of higher education which do not offer graduate degrees and Missouri public four-year institutions of higher education which do offer graduate degrees for the purpose of offering graduate degree programs on campuses of those public four-year institutions of higher education which do not otherwise offer graduate degrees. Such agreements shall identify the obligations and duties of the parties, including assignment of administrative responsibility. Any diploma awarded for graduate degrees under such a cooperative agreement shall include the names of both institutions inscribed thereon. Any cooperative agreement in place as of August 28, 2003, shall require no further approval from the coordinating board for higher education. Any costs incurred with respect to the administrative provisions of this subdivision may be paid from state funds allocated to the institution assigned the administrative authority for the program. The provisions of this subdivision shall not be construed to invalidate the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection;

(4) In consultation with the heads of the institutions of higher education affected and against a background of carefully collected data on enrollment, physical facilities, manpower needs, and institutional missions, the coordinating board for higher education shall establish guidelines for appropriation requests by those institutions of higher education; however, other provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1974 notwithstanding, all funds shall be appropriated by the general assembly to the governing board of each public four-year institution of higher education which shall prepare expenditure budgets for the institution;

(5) No new [state-supported senior] **public** colleges or [residence centers] **universities** shall be established except as provided by law and with approval of the coordinating board for higher education;

(6) The coordinating board for higher education shall establish admission guidelines consistent with institutional missions;

(7) The coordinating board for higher education shall require all public two-year and four-year higher education institutions to replicate best practices in remediation identified by the coordinating board and institutions from research undertaken by regional educational laboratories, higher education research organizations, and similar organizations with expertise in the subject, and identify and reduce methods that have been found to be ineffective in preparing or retaining students or that delay students from enrollment in college-level courses;

(8) The coordinating board shall establish policies and procedures for institutional decisions relating to the residence status of students;

(9) The coordinating board shall establish guidelines to promote and facilitate the transfer of students between institutions of higher education within the state and, with the assistance of the committee on transfer and articulation, shall require all public two-year and four-year higher education institutions to create by July 1, 2014, a statewide core transfer library of at least twenty-five lower division courses across all institutions that are transferable among all public higher education institutions. The coordinating board shall establish policies and procedures to ensure such courses are accepted in transfer among public institutions and treated as equivalent to similar courses at the receiving institutions. The coordinating board shall develop a policy to foster reverse transfer for any student who has accumulated enough hours in combination with at least one public higher education institution in Missouri that offers an associate degree and one public four-year higher education institution in the prescribed courses sufficient to meet the public higher education institution's requirements to be awarded an associate degree. The department of elementary and secondary education shall maintain the alignment of the assessments found in section 160.518 and successor assessments with the competencies previously established under this subdivision for entry-level collegiate courses in English, mathematics, foreign language, sciences, and social sciences associated with an institution's general education core;

(10) The coordinating board shall collect the necessary information and develop comparable data for all institutions of higher education in the state. The coordinating board shall use this information to delineate the areas of competence of each of these institutions and for any other purposes deemed appropriate by the coordinating board;

(11) Compliance with requests from the coordinating board for institutional information and the other powers, duties and responsibilities, herein assigned to the coordinating board, shall be a prerequisite to the receipt of any funds which the coordinating board is responsible for administering;

(12) If any institution of higher education in this state, public or private, willfully fails or refuses to follow any lawful guideline, policy or procedure established or prescribed by the coordinating board, or

knowingly deviates from any such guideline, or knowingly acts without coordinating board approval where such approval is required, or willfully fails to comply with any other lawful order of the coordinating board, the coordinating board may, after a public hearing, withhold or direct to be withheld from that institution any funds the disbursement of which is subject to the control of the coordinating board, or may remove the approval of the institution as an approved institution within the meaning of section 173.1102. If any such public institution willfully disregards board policy, the commissioner of higher education may order such institution to remit a fine in an amount not to exceed one percent of the institution's current fiscal year state operating appropriation to the board. The board shall hold such funds until such time that the institution, as determined by the commissioner of higher education, corrects the violation, at which time the board shall refund such amount to the institution. If the commissioner determines that the institution has not redressed the violation within one year, the fine amount shall be deposited into the general revenue fund, unless the institution appeals such decision to the full coordinating board, which shall have the authority to make a binding and final decision, by means of a majority vote, regarding the matter. However, nothing in this section shall prevent any institution of higher education in this state from presenting additional budget requests or from explaining or further clarifying its budget requests to the governor or the general assembly;

(13) In recognition of institutions that meet the requirements of subdivision (2), (3), or (4) of subsection 1 of section 173.616, are established by name as an educational institution in Missouri, and are authorized to operate programs beyond secondary education for purposes of authorization under 34 CFR 600.9, the coordinating board for higher education shall maintain and publish on its website a list of such postsecondary educational institutions; and

(14) (a) As used in this subdivision, the term "out-of-state public institution of higher education" shall mean an education institution located outside of Missouri that:

a. Is controlled or administered directly by a public agency or political subdivision or is classified as a public institution by the state;

b. Receives appropriations for operating expenses directly or indirectly from a state other than Missouri;

c. Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at least six months in length leading to or directly creditable toward a degree or certificate;

d. Meets the standards for accreditation by an accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education or any successor agency; and

e. Permits faculty members to select textbooks without influence or pressure by any religious or sectarian source.

(b) No later than July 1, 2008, the coordinating board shall promulgate rules regarding:

a. The board's approval process of proposed new degree programs and course offerings by any out-of-state public institution of higher education seeking to offer degree programs or course work within the state of Missouri; and

b. The board's approval process of degree programs and courses offered by any out-of-state public institutions of higher education that, prior to July 1, 2008, were approved by the board to operate a school in compliance with the provisions of sections 173.600 to 173.618. The rules shall ensure that, as of July 1, 2008, all out-of-state public institutions seeking to offer degrees and courses within the state of Missouri are evaluated in a manner similar to Missouri public higher education institutions. Such out-of-state public institutions shall be held to standards no lower than the standards established by the coordinating board for program approval and the policy guidelines of the coordinating board for data collection, cooperation, and resolution of disputes between Missouri institutions of higher education under this section. Any such out-of-state public institutions of higher education wishing to continue operating within this state must be approved by the board under the rules promulgated under this subdivision. The coordinating board may charge and collect fees from out-of-state public institutions to cover the costs of reviewing and assuring the quality of programs offered by out-of-state public institutions. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly under chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

(c) Nothing in this subdivision or in section 173.616 shall be construed or interpreted so that students attending an out-of-state public institution are considered to be attending a Missouri public institution of higher education for purposes of obtaining student financial assistance.

3. The coordinating board shall meet at least four times annually with an advisory committee who shall be notified in advance of such meetings. The coordinating board shall have exclusive voting privileges. The advisory committee shall consist of thirty-two members, who shall be the president or other chief administrative officer of the University of Missouri; the chancellor of each campus of the University of Missouri; the president of each state-supported four-year college or university, including Harris-Stowe State University, Missouri Southern State University, Missouri Western State University, and Lincoln University; the president of State Technical College of Missouri; the president or chancellor of each public community college district; and representatives of each of five accredited private institutions selected biennially, under the supervision of the coordinating board, by the presidents of all of the state's privately supported institutions; but always to include at least one representative from one

privately supported community college, one privately supported four-year college, and one privately supported university. The conferences shall enable the committee to advise the coordinating board of the views of the institutions on matters within the purview of the coordinating board.

4. The University of Missouri, Lincoln University, and all other state-governed colleges and universities, chapters 172, 174, 175, and others, are transferred by type III transfers to the department of higher education and workforce development subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.

5. The state historical society, chapter 183, is transferred by type III transfer to the University of Missouri.

6. The state anatomical board, chapter 194, is transferred by type II transfer to the department of higher education and workforce development.

7. All the powers, duties and functions vested in the division of public schools and state board of education relating to community college state aid and the supervision, formation of districts and all matters otherwise related to the state's relations with community college districts and matters pertaining to community colleges in public school districts, chapters 163, 178, and others, are transferred to the coordinating board for higher education by type I transfer. Provided, however, that all responsibility for administering the federal-state programs of vocational-technical education, except for the 1202a postsecondary educational amendments of 1972 program, shall remain with the department of elementary and secondary education. The department of elementary and secondary education and the coordinating board for higher education shall cooperate in developing the various plans for vocational-technical education; however, the ultimate responsibility will remain with the state board of education.

8. All the powers, duties, functions, and properties of the state poultry experiment station, chapter 262, are transferred by type I transfer to the University of Missouri, and the state poultry association and state poultry board are abolished. In the event the University of Missouri shall cease to use the real estate of the poultry experiment station for the purposes of research or shall declare the same surplus, all real estate shall revert to the governor of the state of Missouri and shall not be disposed of without legislative approval.

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

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

**(1) "Approved institution", an institution of postsecondary education that is subject to the coordinating board for higher education under section 173.005, offers eligible programs of study or training programs, and is at least one of the following:**

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

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

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

**(d) An eligible training provider;**

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

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

**(4) "Eligible student", any student that meets the eligibility requirements for reimbursement of tuition, books, and fees under the "A+ Schools Program" created in section 160.545, provided that such student has not received a reimbursement for tuition, books, or fees under section 160.545;**

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

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

**(a) Certified nurse assistant (CNA) programs;**

**(b) Certified medication technician (CMT) programs;**

**(c) Level 1 medication aide (L1MA) programs;**

**(d) Insulin administration programs;**

**(e) Emergency medical technician (EMT) programs;**

**(f) Advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT) programs;**

**(g) Paramedic programs as described in chapter 190; or**

**(h) Commercial driver's license (CDL) programs.**

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

**(2) No tuition reimbursements in excess of the tuition rate charged by a public community college for coursework offered by a two-year private vocational or technical school, approved virtual institution as defined under section 173.1102, or eligible training provider within the service area of such college shall be reimbursed under this section.**

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

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

**b. The department authorizes such request.**

**(b) The department shall:**

**a. Develop and adopt a tuition reimbursement authorization request form and a procedure for submitting such request;**

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

**5. No rule promulgated by the department under this section shall prohibit students enrolled in an eligible program of study or a training program from qualifying for tuition reimbursement under this section solely because the eligible program of study or training program does not meet the length-of-program requirements for an eligible program under 34 CFR 668.8, as amended, or because the eligible training provider at which a student enrolls does not participate in federal student aid programs.**

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

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

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

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

**7. The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the implementation and administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general**

**assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after the effective date of this act shall be invalid and void.**

173.1352. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Advanced placement examination", any examination administered through the College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP);

(2) "Institution", any in-state public community college, college, or university that offers postsecondary freshman-level courses;

**(3) "International baccalaureate examination", any examination for assessment purposes administered through the International Baccalaureate Organization at the end of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.**

2. (1) Each institution shall adopt and implement a policy to grant undergraduate course credit to entering freshman students for each advanced placement examination upon which such student achieves a score of three or higher, **or each international baccalaureate examination for an international baccalaureate diploma programme course upon which such student achieves a score of 4 or higher**, for any similarly correlated course offered by the institution at the time of such student's acceptance into the institution.

(2) In the policy, the institution shall:

(a) Establish the institution's conditions for granting course credit; and

(b) Identify the specific course credit or other academic requirements of the institution, including the number of semester credit hours or other course credit, that the institution will grant to a student who achieves required scores on advanced placement examinations **or international baccalaureate examinations**.

3. On request of an applicant for admission as an entering freshman, and based on information provided by the applicant, an institution shall determine and notify the applicant regarding:

(1) The amount and type of any course credit that would be granted to the applicant under the policy; and

(2) Any other academic requirement that the applicant would satisfy under the policy."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 9, Section 173.1556, Line 28, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"[620.484.] **173.2565**. The provisions of the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C.A. Sec. 49 et seq.), as amended, are hereby accepted by this state and the [division] **office** of workforce development of the department of [economic] **higher education and workforce** development is hereby designated and constituted the agency of this state for the purposes of said act. The [division] **office** shall establish and maintain free public employment offices in such number and in such places as may be necessary for the proper administration of this chapter and for the purposes of performing such functions as are within the purview of the Wagner-Peyser Act.

[620.490.] **173.2566**. The department of [economic] **higher education and workforce** development shall promulgate rules providing for the coordination of state and federal job training resources administered by the department of [economic] **higher education and workforce** development, including the local workforce investment areas established in the state to administer federal funds pursuant to the federal Workforce Investment Act or its successor, for the provision of assistance to businesses in this state relating to the creation of new jobs in the state. The department shall include in these rules the methods to be followed by any business engaged in the creation of new jobs in state to ensure that economically disadvantaged citizens receive opportunities for employment in the new jobs created. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section 536.024.

[620.511.] **173.2570**. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri Workforce Development Board", formerly known as the Missouri workforce investment board, and hereinafter referred to as "the board" in sections [620.511 to 620.513] **173.2570 to 173.2572**.

2. The purpose of the board is to provide workforce investment activities, through statewide and local workforce investment systems, that increase the employment, retention, and earnings of participants, and increase occupational skill attainment by participants, and, as a result, improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the state of Missouri. The board shall be the state's advisory board pertaining to workforce preparation policy.

3. The board shall meet the requirements of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, hereinafter referred to as the "WIOA", P.L. 113-128, as amended. Should another federal law supplant the WIOA, all references in sections [620.511 to 620.513] **173.2570 to 173.2572** to the WIOA shall apply as well to the new federal law.

4. Composition of the board shall comply with the WIOA. Board members appointed by the governor shall be subject to the advice and consent of the senate. Consistent with the requirements of the WIOA, the governor shall designate one member of the board to be its chairperson.

5. Each member of the board shall serve for a term of four years, subject to the pleasure of the governor, and until a successor is duly appointed. In the event of a vacancy on the board, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and said replacement shall serve the remainder of the original appointee's unexpired term.

6. Of the members initially appointed to the WIOA, formerly known as the WIA, board, one-fourth shall be appointed for a term of four years, one-fourth shall be appointed for a term of three years, one-fourth shall be appointed for a term of two years, and one-fourth shall be appointed for a term of one year.

7. WIOA board members shall receive no compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties.

8. The department may include on its website a list of the names of the members of the board, including the names of members of local workforce development boards, along with information on how to contact such boards.

[620.512.] **173.2571.** 1. The board shall establish bylaws governing its organization, operation, and procedure consistent with sections [620.511 to 620.513] **173.2570 to 173.2572**, and consistent with the WIOA.

2. The board shall meet at least four times each year at the call of the chairperson.

3. In order to assure objective management and oversight, the board shall not operate programs or provide services directly to eligible participants, but shall exist solely to plan, coordinate, and monitor the provisions of such programs and services. A member of the board may not vote on a matter under consideration by the board that regards the provision of services by the member or by an entity that the member represents or would provide direct financial benefit to the member or the immediate family of the member. A member of the board may not engage in any other activity determined by the governor to constitute a conflict of interest.

4. The composition and the roles and responsibilities of the board membership may be amended to comply with any succeeding federal or state legislative or regulatory requirements governing workforce investment activities, except that the procedure for such change shall be outlined in state rules and regulations and adopted in the bylaws of the board.

5. The department of [economic] **higher education and workforce development, office of workforce development**, shall provide professional, technical, and clerical staff for the board.

6. The board may promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to administer the provisions of sections [620.511 to 620.513] **173.2570 to 173.2572**. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only

if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

[620.513.] **173.2572.** 1. The board shall assist the governor with the functions described in Section 101(d) of the WIOA, 29 U.S.C. Section [311d] **3111(d)**, and any regulations issued pursuant to the WIOA.

2. The board shall submit an annual report of its activities to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the president pro tem of the senate no later than January thirty-first of each year.

3. Nothing in sections [620.511 to 620.513] **173.2570 to 173.2572** shall be construed to require or allow the board to assume or supersede the statutory authority granted to, or impose any duties or requirements on, the state coordinating board for higher education, the governing boards of the state's public colleges and universities, the state board of education, or any local educational agencies."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 10, Section 174.160, Line 24, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"178.550. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Career and Technical Education Student Protection Act". There is hereby established the "Career and Technical Education Advisory Council" within the department of elementary and secondary education.

2. The advisory council shall be composed of sixteen members who shall be Missouri residents. The director of the department of economic development, or his or her designee, shall be a member. The commissioner of education shall appoint the following members:

- (1) A director or administrator of a career and technical education center;
- (2) An individual from the business community with a background in commerce;
- (3) A representative from State Technical College of Missouri;

(4) Three current or retired career and technical education teachers who also serve or served as an advisor to any of the nationally recognized career and technical education student organizations of:

- (a) DECA;
- (b) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA);
- (c) FFA;

- (d) Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA);
- (e) Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA);
- (f) SkillsUSA; or
- (g) Technology Student Association (TSA);
- (5) A representative from a business organization, association of businesses, or a business coalition;
- (6) A representative from a Missouri community college;
- (7) A representative from Southeast Missouri State University or the University of Central Missouri;
- (8) An individual participating in an apprenticeship recognized by the department of labor and industrial relations or approved by the United States Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship;
- (9) A school administrator or school superintendent of a school that offers career and technical education.

3. Members appointed by the commissioner of education shall serve a term of five years except for the initial appointments, which shall be for the following lengths:

- (1) One member shall be appointed for a term of one year;
- (2) Two members shall be appointed for a term of two years;
- (3) Two members shall be appointed for a term of three years;
- (4) Three members shall be appointed for a term of four years;
- (5) Three members shall be appointed for a term of five years.

4. Four members shall be from the general assembly. The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint two members of the senate of whom not more than one shall be of the same party. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two members of the house of representatives of whom not more than one shall be of the same party. The legislative members shall serve on the advisory council until such time as they resign, are no longer members of the general assembly, or are replaced by new appointments.

5. The advisory council shall have three nonvoting ex officio members:

- (1) A director of guidance and counseling services at the department of elementary and secondary education, or a similar position if such position ceases to exist;

(2) The director of the [division] **office** of workforce development; and

(3) A member of the coordinating board for higher education, as selected by the coordinating board.

6. The assistant commissioner for the office of college and career readiness of the department of elementary and secondary education shall provide staff assistance to the advisory council.

7. The advisory council shall meet at least four times annually. The advisory council may make all rules it deems necessary to enable it to conduct its meetings, elect its officers, and set the terms and duties of its officers. The advisory council shall elect from among its members a chairperson, vice chairperson, a secretary-reporter, and such other officers as it deems necessary. Members of the advisory council shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual expenses necessary to the performance of their official duties for the advisory council.

8. Any business to come before the advisory council shall be available on the advisory council's internet website at least seven business days prior to the start of each meeting. All records of any decisions, votes, exhibits, or outcomes shall be available on the advisory council's internet website within forty-eight hours following the conclusion of every meeting. Any materials prepared for the members shall be delivered to the members at least five days before the meeting, and to the extent such materials are public records as defined in section 610.010 and are not permitted to be closed under section 610.021, shall be made available on the advisory council's internet website at least five business days in advance of the meeting.

9. The advisory council shall make an annual written report to the state board of education and the commissioner of education regarding the development, implementation, and administration of the state budget for career and technical education.

10. The advisory council shall annually submit written recommendations to the state board of education and the commissioner of education regarding the oversight and procedures for the handling of funds for student career and technical education organizations.

11. The advisory council shall:

(1) Develop a comprehensive statewide short- and long-range strategic plan for career and technical education;

(2) Identify service gaps and provide advice on methods to close such gaps as they relate to youth and adult employees, workforce development, and employers on training needs;

(3) Confer with public and private entities for the purpose of promoting and improving career and technical education;

(4) Identify legislative recommendations to improve career and technical education;

(5) Promote coordination of existing career and technical education programs;

(6) Adopt, alter, or repeal by its own bylaws, rules and regulations governing the manner in which its business may be transacted.

12. For purposes of this section, the department of elementary and secondary education shall provide such documentation and information as to allow the advisory council to be effective.

13. For purposes of this section, "advisory council" shall mean the career and technical education advisory council.

178.585. 1. Under rules and regulations of the state board of education, the commissioner of education, in cooperation with the [director of the division] **office** of workforce development of the department of [economic] **higher education and workforce** development, shall establish procedures to provide grants to public high schools, vocational-technical schools, State Technical College of Missouri, and community colleges solely for the purpose of new programs, curriculum enhancement, equipment and facilities so as to upgrade vocational and technical education in the state.

2. Each vocational-technical school, community college, State Technical College of Missouri, and school district of any public high school receiving a grant authorized by this section shall have an advisory committee composed of local business persons, labor leaders, parents, senior citizens, community leaders and teachers to establish a plan to ensure that students who graduate from the vocational-technical school, community college, State Technical College of Missouri, or public high school proceed to a four-year college or high-wage job with workplace-skill development opportunities.

3. The [director of the] department of [economic] **higher education and workforce** development shall provide annually to the commissioner of education a listing of demand occupations in the state including substate projections. The listing shall include those occupations for which, in the judgment of the [director of the] department of [economic] **higher education and workforce** development, there is a critical shortage to meet present or future employment needs necessary to the economic growth and competitiveness of the state.

4. In any fiscal year, at least seventy-five percent of all moneys for the grant awards authorized by this section shall be to public high schools, vocational-technical schools, State Technical College of Missouri, or community colleges for new programs, curriculum enhancement or equipment necessary to address demand occupations identified pursuant to subsection 3 of this section."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 13, Section 178.787, Line 48, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:



"186.019. 1. Prior to April first of each year, starting in 1992, the information described in subdivisions (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this subsection shall be delivered in report form to the Missouri women's council, the governor's office, the secretary of the senate, and the chief clerk of the house of representatives. The information shall apply only to activities which occurred during the previous calendar year. Reports shall be required from the following:

(1) The department of labor and industrial relations, and the [division] **office** of workforce development of the department of [economic] **higher education and workforce** development, who shall assemble all available data and report on all business start-ups and business failures which are fifty-one percent or more owned by women. The reports shall distinguish, as best as possible, those businesses which are sole proprietorships, partnerships, or corporations;

(2) The department of economic development, who shall assemble all available data and report on financial assistance or other incentives given to all businesses which are fifty-one percent or more owned by women. The report shall contain information relating to assistance or incentives awarded for the retention of existing businesses, the expansion of existing businesses, or the start-up of new businesses;

(3) The department of revenue, who shall assemble all available data and report on the number, gross receipts and net income of all businesses which are fifty-one percent or more owned by women. The reports shall distinguish those businesses which are sole proprietorships, partnerships or corporations;

(4) The division of purchasing of the office of administration, who shall assemble all available data and report on businesses which are fifty-one percent or more owned by women which are recipients of contracts awarded by the state of Missouri.

2. Prior to December first of each year, starting in 1990, the information described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be delivered in report form to the Missouri women's council, the governor's office, the secretary of the senate, and the chief clerk of the house of representatives. The information shall apply only to activities which occurred during the previous school year. Reports shall be required from the following:

(1) The department of elementary and secondary education shall assemble all available data from the Vocational and Education Data System (VEDS) on class enrollments by Instruction Program Codes (CIP); by secondary and postsecondary schools; and, secondary, postsecondary, and adult level classes; and by gender. This data shall also be reported by classes of traditional and nontraditional occupational areas;

(2) The coordinating board for higher education shall assemble all available data and report on higher education degrees awarded by academic discipline; type of degree; type of school; and gender. All

available data shall also be reported on salaries received upon completion of degree program and subsequent hire, as well as any data available on follow-up salaries.

288.040. 1. A claimant who is unemployed and has been determined to be an insured worker shall be eligible for benefits for any week only if the deputy finds that:

(1) The claimant has registered for work at and thereafter has continued to report at an employment office in accordance with such regulations as the division may prescribe;

(2) The claimant is able to work and is available for work. No person shall be deemed available for work unless such person has been and is actively and earnestly seeking work. Upon the filing of an initial or renewed claim, and prior to the filing of each weekly claim thereafter, the deputy shall notify each claimant of the number of work search contacts required to constitute an active search for work. Unless the deputy directs otherwise, a claimant shall make a minimum of three work search contacts during any week for which he or she claims benefits. No person shall be considered not available for work, pursuant to this subdivision, solely because he or she is a substitute teacher or is on jury duty. A claimant shall not be determined to be ineligible pursuant to this subdivision because of not actively and earnestly seeking work if:

(a) The claimant is participating in training approved pursuant to Section 236 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, (19 U.S.C.A. Sec. 2296, as amended);

(b) The claimant is temporarily unemployed through no fault of his or her own and has a definite recall date within eight weeks of his or her first day of unemployment; however, upon application of the employer responsible for the claimant's unemployment, such eight-week period may be extended not to exceed a total of sixteen weeks at the discretion of the director;

(3) The claimant has reported to an office of the division as directed by the deputy, but at least once every four weeks, except that a claimant shall be exempted from the reporting requirement of this subdivision if:

(a) The claimant is claiming benefits in accordance with division regulations dealing with partial or temporary total unemployment; or

(b) The claimant is temporarily unemployed through no fault of his or her own and has a definite recall date within eight weeks of his or her first day of unemployment; or

(c) The director of the division of employment security has determined that the claimant belongs to a group or class of workers whose opportunities for reemployment will not be enhanced by reporting, or is prevented from reporting due to emergency conditions that limit access by the general public to an office that serves the area where the claimant resides, but only during the time such circumstances exist.

Ineligibility pursuant to this subdivision shall begin on the first day of the week which the claimant was scheduled to claim and shall end on the last day of the week preceding the week during which the claimant does report to the division's office;

(4) Prior to the first week of a period of total or partial unemployment for which the claimant claims benefits he or she has been totally or partially unemployed for a waiting period of one week. No more than one waiting week will be required in any benefit year. During calendar year 2008 and each calendar year thereafter, the one-week waiting period shall become compensable once his or her remaining balance on the claim is equal to or less than the compensable amount for the waiting period. No week shall be counted as a week of total or partial unemployment for the purposes of this subsection unless it occurs within the benefit year which includes the week with respect to which the claimant claims benefits;

(5) The claimant has made a claim for benefits within fourteen days from the last day of the week being claimed. The fourteen-day period may, for good cause, be extended to twenty-eight days;

(6) The claimant has reported to an employment office to participate in a reemployment assessment and reemployment services as directed by the deputy or designated staff of an employment office, unless the deputy determines that good cause exists for the claimant's failure to participate in such reemployment assessment and reemployment services. For purposes of this section, "reemployment services" may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Providing an orientation to employment office services;
- (b) Providing job search assistance; and
- (c) Providing labor market statistics or analysis;

Ineligibility under this subdivision shall begin on the first day of the week which the claimant was scheduled to report for the reemployment assessment or reemployment services and shall end on the last day of the week preceding the week during which the claimant does report in person to the employment office for such reemployment assessment or reemployment services;

(7) The claimant is participating in reemployment services, such as job search assistance services, as directed by the deputy if the claimant has been determined to be likely to exhaust regular benefits and to need reemployment services pursuant to a profiling system established by the division, unless the deputy determines that:

- (a) The individual has completed such reemployment services; or
- (b) There is justifiable cause for the claimant's failure to participate in such reemployment services.

2. A claimant shall be ineligible for waiting week credit or benefits for any week for which the deputy finds he or she is or has been suspended by his or her most recent employer for misconduct connected with his or her work. Suspensions of four weeks or more shall be treated as discharges.

3. (1) Benefits based on "service in employment", described in subsections 7 and 8 of section 288.034, shall be payable in the same amount, on the same terms and subject to the same conditions as compensation payable on the basis of other service subject to this law; except that:

(a) With respect to service performed in an instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity for an educational institution, benefits shall not be paid based on such services for any week of unemployment commencing during the period between two successive academic years or terms, or during a similar period between two regular but not successive terms, or during a period of paid sabbatical leave provided for in the individual's contract, to any individual if such individual performs such services in the first of such academic years (or terms) and if there is a contract or a reasonable assurance that such individual will perform services in any such capacity for any educational institution in the second of such academic years or terms;

(b) With respect to services performed in any capacity (other than instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity) for an educational institution, benefits shall not be paid on the basis of such services to any individual for any week which commences during a period between two successive academic years or terms if such individual performs such services in the first of such academic years or terms and there is a contract or a reasonable assurance that such individual will perform such services in the second of such academic years or terms;

(c) With respect to services described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision, benefits shall not be paid on the basis of such services to any individual for any week which commences during an established and customary vacation period or holiday recess if such individual performed such services in the period immediately before such vacation period or holiday recess, and there is reasonable assurance that such individual will perform such services immediately following such vacation period or holiday recess;

(d) With respect to services described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision, benefits payable on the basis of services in any such capacity shall be denied as specified in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this subdivision to any individual who performed such services at an educational institution while in the employ of an educational service agency, and for this purpose the term "educational service agency" means a governmental agency or governmental entity which is established and operated exclusively for the purpose of providing such services to one or more educational institutions.

(2) If compensation is denied for any week pursuant to paragraph (b) or (d) of subdivision (1) of this subsection to any individual performing services at an educational institution in any capacity (other than

instructional, research or principal administrative capacity), and such individual was not offered an opportunity to perform such services for the second of such academic years or terms, such individual shall be entitled to a retroactive payment of the compensation for each week for which the individual filed a timely claim for compensation and for which compensation was denied solely by reason of paragraph (b) or (d) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

4. (1) A claimant shall be ineligible for waiting week credit, benefits or shared work benefits for any week for which he or she is receiving or has received remuneration exceeding his or her weekly benefit amount or shared work benefit amount in the form of:

(a) Compensation for temporary partial disability pursuant to the workers' compensation law of any state or pursuant to a similar law of the United States;

(b) A governmental or other pension, retirement or retired pay, annuity, or other similar periodic payment which is based on the previous work of such claimant to the extent that such payment is provided from funds provided by a base period or chargeable employer pursuant to a plan maintained or contributed to by such employer; but, except for such payments made pursuant to the Social Security Act or the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (or the corresponding provisions of prior law), the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply if the services performed for such employer by the claimant after the beginning of the base period (or remuneration for such services) do not affect eligibility for or increase the amount of such pension, retirement or retired pay, annuity or similar payment.

(2) If the remuneration referred to in this subsection is less than the benefits which would otherwise be due, the claimant shall be entitled to receive for such week, if otherwise eligible, benefits reduced by the amount of such remuneration, and, if such benefit is not a multiple of one dollar, such amount shall be lowered to the next multiple of one dollar.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, if a claimant has contributed in any way to the Social Security Act or the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, or the corresponding provisions of prior law, no part of the payments received pursuant to such federal law shall be deductible from the amount of benefits received pursuant to this chapter.

5. A claimant shall be ineligible for waiting week credit or benefits for any week for which or a part of which he or she has received or is seeking unemployment benefits pursuant to an unemployment insurance law of another state or the United States; provided, that if it be finally determined that the claimant is not entitled to such unemployment benefits, such ineligibility shall not apply.

6. (1) A claimant shall be ineligible for waiting week credit or benefits for any week for which the deputy finds that such claimant's total or partial unemployment is due to a stoppage of work which exists because of a labor dispute in the factory, establishment or other premises in which such claimant is or was

last employed. In the event the claimant secures other employment from which he or she is separated during the existence of the labor dispute, the claimant must have obtained bona fide employment as a permanent employee for at least the major part of each of two weeks in such subsequent employment to terminate his or her ineligibility. If, in any case, separate branches of work which are commonly conducted as separate businesses at separate premises are conducted in separate departments of the same premises, each such department shall for the purposes of this subsection be deemed to be a separate factory, establishment or other premises. This subsection shall not apply if it is shown to the satisfaction of the deputy that:

(a) The claimant is not participating in or financing or directly interested in the labor dispute which caused the stoppage of work; and

(b) The claimant does not belong to a grade or class of workers of which, immediately preceding the commencement of the stoppage, there were members employed at the premises at which the stoppage occurs, any of whom are participating in or financing or directly interested in the dispute.

(2) "Stoppage of work" as used in this subsection means a substantial diminution of the activities, production or services at the establishment, plant, factory or premises of the employing unit. This definition shall not apply to a strike where the employees in the bargaining unit who initiated the strike are participating in the strike. Such employees shall not be eligible for waiting week credit or benefits during the period when the strike is in effect, regardless of diminution, unless the employer has been found guilty of an unfair labor practice by the National Labor Relations Board or a federal court of law for an act or actions preceding or during the strike.

7. On or after January 1, 1978, benefits shall not be paid to any individual on the basis of any services, substantially all of which consist of participating in sports or athletic events or training or preparing to so participate, for any week which commences during the period between two successive sport seasons (or similar periods) if such individual performed such services in the first of such seasons (or similar periods) and there is a reasonable assurance that such individual will perform such services in the later of such seasons (or similar periods).

8. Benefits shall not be payable on the basis of services performed by an alien, unless such alien is an individual who was lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time such services were performed, was lawfully present for purposes of performing such services, or was permanently residing in the United States under color of law at the time such services were performed (including an alien who was lawfully present in the United States as a result of the application of the provisions of Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act).

(1) Any data or information required of individuals applying for benefits to determine whether benefits are not payable to them because of their alien status shall be uniformly required from all applicants for benefits.

(2) In the case of an individual whose application for benefits would otherwise be approved, no determination that benefits to such individual are not payable because of such individual's alien status shall be made except upon a preponderance of the evidence.

9. A claimant shall be ineligible for waiting week credit or benefits for any week such claimant has an outstanding penalty which was assessed based upon an overpayment of benefits, as provided for in subsection 9 of section 288.380.

10. The directors of the division of employment security and the [division] **office** of workforce development shall submit to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the president pro tem of the senate no later than October 15, 2006, a report outlining their recommendations for how to improve work search verification and claimant reemployment activities. The recommendations shall include, but not limited to how to best utilize "greathires.org", and how to reduce the average duration of unemployment insurance claims. Each calendar year thereafter, the directors shall submit a report containing their recommendations on these issues by December thirty-first of each year.

11. For purposes of this section, a claimant may satisfy reporting requirements provided under this section by reporting by internet communication or any other means deemed acceptable by the division of employment security.

620.010. 1. There is hereby created a "Department of Economic Development" to be headed by a director appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate. All of the general provisions, definitions and powers enumerated in section 1 of the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974 shall continue to apply to this department and its divisions, agencies and personnel.

2. The powers, duties and functions vested in the public service commission, chapters 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 392, 393, and others, and the administrative hearing commission, sections 621.015 to 621.198 and others, are transferred by type III transfers to the department of economic development. The director of the department is directed to provide and coordinate staff and equipment services to these agencies in the interest of facilitating the work of the bodies and achieving optimum efficiency in staff services common to all the bodies. Nothing in the Reorganization Act of 1974 shall prevent the chairman of the public service commission from presenting additional budget requests or from explaining or clarifying its budget requests to the governor or general assembly.

3. The powers, duties and functions vested in the office of the public counsel are transferred by type III transfer to the department of economic development. Funding for the general counsel's office shall be by general revenue.

4. The public service commission is authorized to employ such staff as it deems necessary for the functions performed by the general counsel other than those powers, duties and functions relating to representation of the public before the public service commission.

5. All the powers, duties and functions vested in the tourism commission, chapter 258 and others, are transferred to the "Division of Tourism", which is hereby created, by type III transfer.

6. All the powers, duties and functions of the department of community affairs, chapter 251 and others, not otherwise assigned, are transferred by type I transfer to the department of economic development, and the department of community affairs is abolished. The director of the department of economic development may assume all the duties of the director of community affairs or may establish within the department such subunits and advisory committees as may be required to administer the programs so transferred. The director of the department shall appoint all members of such committees and heads of subunits.

7. The Missouri housing development commission, chapter 215, is assigned to the department of economic development, but shall remain a governmental instrumentality of the state of Missouri and shall constitute a body corporate and politic.

8. [All the authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, matters pending and other pertinent vestiges of the division of manpower planning of the department of social services are transferred by a type I transfer to the "Division of Workforce Development", which is hereby created, within the department of economic development. The division of manpower planning within the department of social services is abolished. The provisions of section 1 of the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974, Appendix B, relating to the manner and procedures for transfers of state agencies shall apply to the transfers provided in this section.

9. All the authority, powers, functions, records, personnel, property, contracts, matters pending and other pertinent vestiges of the division of employment security within the department of labor and industrial relations related to job training and labor exchange that are funded with or based upon Wagner-Peyser funds, and other federal and state workforce development programs administered by the division of employment security are transferred by a type I transfer to the division of workforce development within the department of economic development.

10.] Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of



the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2008, shall be invalid and void.

620.515. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Show-Me Heroes" program, the purpose of which is to:

(1) Assist the spouse of an active duty National Guard or reserve component service member reservist and active duty United States military personnel to address immediate needs and employment in an attempt to keep the family from falling into poverty while the primary income earner is on active duty, and [during the five-year period] following discharge from deployment; and

(2) Assist returning National Guard troops or reserve component service member reservists and recently separated United States military personnel with finding work in situations where an individual needs to rebuild business clientele or where an individual's job has been eliminated while such individual was deployed, or where the individual otherwise cannot return to his or her previous employment.

2. Subject to appropriation, the department of higher education and workforce development shall operate the Show-Me heroes program through existing programs. Eligibility for the program shall be based on the following criteria:

(1) Eligible participants in the program shall be those families where:

(a) The primary income earner was called to active duty in defense of the United States for a period of more than four months;

(b) The family's primary income is no longer available;

(c) The family is experiencing significant hardship due to financial burdens; and

(d) The family has no outside resources available to assist with such hardships;

(2) Services that may be provided to the family will be aimed at ameliorating the immediate crisis and providing a path for economic stability while the primary income is not available due to the active military commitment. Services shall be made available [up to five years] following discharge from deployment. Services may include, but not be limited to the following:

(a) Financial assistance to families facing financial crisis from overdue bills;

(b) Help paying day care costs to pursue training and or employment;

(c) Help covering the costs of transportation to training and or employment;

(d) Vocational evaluation and vocational counseling to help the individual choose a visible employment goal;

(e) Vocational training to acquire or upgrade skills needed to be marketable in the workforce;

(f) Paid internships and subsidized employment to train on the job; and

(g) Job placement assistance for those who don't require skills training.

3. (1) In addition to the benefits provided to those meeting the criteria established by subsection 2 of this section, the department of higher education and workforce development may award grants from the Show-Me heroes program or programs administering the Show-Me heroes program to one or more nonprofit organizations that facilitate the participation in apprenticeship training programs of veterans and active duty United States military personnel who are transitioning into civilian employment.

(2) A grant awarded pursuant to this subsection shall be used only to recruit or assist veterans or active duty United States military personnel who are transitioning into civilian employment to participate in an apprenticeship training program in this state.

(3) As used in this subsection, the term "apprenticeship training program" means a training program that provides on-the-job training, preparatory instruction, supplementary instruction, or related instruction in a trade that has been certified as an apprenticeable occupation by the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor.

4. The department shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2012, shall be invalid and void.

[167.910. 1. There is hereby established the "Career Readiness Course Task Force" to explore the possibility of a course covering the topics described in this section being offered in the public schools to students in eighth grade or ninth grade. Task force members shall be chosen to represent the geographic diversity of the state. All task force members shall be appointed before October 31, 2018. The task force members shall be appointed as follows:

(1) A parent of a student attending elementary school, appointed by the joint committee on education;

(2) A parent of a student attending a grade not lower than the sixth nor higher than the eighth grade, appointed by the joint committee on education;

(3) A parent of a student attending high school, appointed by the joint committee on education;

(4) An elementary education professional from an accredited school district, appointed by the joint committee on education from names submitted by statewide education employee organizations;

(5) Two education professionals giving instruction in a grade or grades not lower than the sixth nor higher than the eighth grade in accredited school districts, appointed by the joint committee on education from names submitted by statewide education employee organizations;

(6) Two secondary education professionals from accredited school districts, appointed by the joint committee on education from names submitted by statewide education employee organizations;

(7) A career and technical education professional who has experience serving as an advisor to a statewide career and technical education organization, appointed by a statewide career and technical education organization;

(8) An education professional from an accredited technical high school, appointed by a statewide career and technical education organization;

(9) A public school board member, appointed by a statewide association of school boards;

(10) A secondary school principal, appointed by a statewide association of secondary school principals;

(11) A principal of a school giving instruction in a grade or grades not lower than the sixth nor higher than the eighth grade, appointed by a statewide association of secondary school principals;

(12) An elementary school counselor, appointed by a statewide association of school counselors;

(13) Two school counselors from a school giving instruction in a grade or grades not lower than the sixth nor higher than the eighth grade, appointed by a statewide association of school counselors;

(14) A secondary school counselor, appointed by a statewide association of school counselors;

(15) A secondary school career and college counselor, appointed by a statewide association of school counselors;

(16) An apprenticeship professional, appointed by the division of workforce development of economic development;

(17) A representative of Missouri Project Lead the Way, appointed by the statewide Project Lead the Way organization;

(18) A representative of the state technical college, appointed by the state technical college;

(19) A representative of a public community college, appointed by a statewide organization of community colleges; and

(20) A representative of a public four-year institution of higher education, appointed by the commissioner of higher education.

2. The members of the task force established under subsection 1 of this section shall elect a chair from among the membership of the task force. The task force shall meet as needed to complete its consideration of the course described in subsection 5 of this section and provide its findings and recommendations as described in subsection 6 of this section. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation. No school district policy or administrative action shall require any education employee member to use personal leave or incur a reduction in pay for participating on the task force.

3. The task force shall hold at least three public hearings to provide an opportunity to receive public testimony including, but not limited to, testimony from educators, local school boards, parents, representatives from business and industry, labor and community leaders, members of the general assembly, and the general public.

4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall provide such legal, research, clerical, and technical services as the task force may require in the performance of its duties.

5. The task force established under subsection 1 of this section shall consider a course that:

(1) Gives students an opportunity to explore various career and educational opportunities by:

(a) Administering career surveys to students and helping students use Missouri Connections to determine their career interests and develop plans to meet their career goals;

(b) Explaining the differences between types of colleges, including two-year and four-year colleges and noting the availability of registered apprenticeship programs as alternatives to college for students;

(c) Describing technical degrees offered by colleges;

(d) Explaining the courses and educational experiences offered at community colleges;

(e) Describing the various certificates and credentials available to earn at the school or other schools including, but not limited to, career and technical education certificates described under section 170.029 and industry-recognized certificates and credentials;

(f) Advising students of any advanced placement courses that they may take at the school;

(g) Describing any opportunities at the school for dual enrollment;

(h) Advising students of any Project Lead the Way courses offered at the school and explaining how Project Lead the Way courses help students learn valuable skills;

(i) Informing students of the availability of funding for postsecondary education through the A+ schools program described under section 160.545;

(j) Describing the availability of virtual courses;

(k) Describing the types of skills and occupations most in demand in the current job market and those skills and occupations likely to be in high demand in future years;

(l) Describing the typical salaries for occupations, salary trends, and opportunities for advancement in various occupations;

(m) Emphasizing the opportunities available in careers involving science, technology, engineering, and math;

(n) Advising students of the resources offered by workforce or job centers;

(o) Preparing students for the ACT assessment or the ACT WorkKeys assessments required for the National Career Readiness Certificate;

(p) Administering a practice ACT assessment or practice ACT WorkKeys assessments required for the National Career Readiness Certificate to students;

(q) Advising students of opportunities to take the SAT and the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery;

(r) Administering a basic math test to students so that they can assess their math skills;

(s) Administering a basic writing test to students so that they can assess their writing skills;

(t) Helping each student prepare a personal plan of study that outlines a sequence of courses and experiences that concludes with the student reaching his or her postsecondary goals; and

(u) Explaining how to complete college applications and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid;

(2) Focuses on career readiness and emphasizes the importance of work ethic, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity;

(3) Demonstrates that graduation from a four-year college is not the only pathway to success by describing to students at least sixteen pathways to success in detail and including guest visitors who represent each pathway described. In exploring how these pathways could be covered in the course, the task force shall consider how instructors for the course may be able to rely on assistance from Missouri's career pathways within the department of elementary and secondary education;

(4) Provides student loan counseling; and

(5) May include parent-student meetings.

6. Before December 1, 2019, the task force established under subsection 1 of this section shall present its findings and recommendations to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate, the joint committee on education, and the state board of education. Upon presenting the findings and recommendations as described in this subsection, the task force shall dissolve.]

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3. The task force shall hold at least three public hearings to provide an opportunity to receive public testimony including, but not limited to, testimony from educators, local school boards, parents, representatives from business and industry, labor and community leaders, members of the general assembly, and the general public.

4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall provide such legal, research, clerical, and technical services as the task force may require in the performance of its duties.

5. The task force established under subsection 1 of this section shall consider a course that:

(1) Gives students an opportunity to explore various career and educational opportunities by:

(a) Administering career surveys to students and helping students use Missouri Connections to determine their career interests and develop plans to meet their career goals;

(b) Explaining the differences between types of colleges, including two-year and four-year colleges, and noting the availability of registered apprenticeship programs as alternatives to college for students;

(c) Describing technical degrees offered by colleges;

(d) Explaining the courses and educational experiences offered at community colleges;

(e) Describing the various certificates and credentials available to earn at the school or other schools including, but not limited to, career and technical education certificates described under section 170.029 and industry-recognized certificates and credentials;

(f) Advising students of any advanced placement courses that they may take at the school;

(g) Describing any opportunities at the school for dual enrollment;

(h) Advising students of any Project Lead the Way courses offered at the school and explaining how Project Lead the Way courses help students learn valuable skills;

(i) Informing students of the availability of funding for postsecondary education through the A+ schools program described under section 160.545;

(j) Describing the availability of virtual courses;

(k) Describing the types of skills and occupations most in demand in the current job market and those skills and occupations likely to be in high demand in future years;

(l) Describing the typical salaries for occupations, salary trends, and opportunities for advancement in various occupations;

(m) Emphasizing the opportunities available in careers involving science, technology, engineering, and math;

(n) Advising students of the resources offered by workforce or job centers;

(o) Preparing students for the ACT assessment or the ACT WorkKeys assessments required for the National Career Readiness Certificate;

(p) Administering a practice ACT assessment or practice ACT WorkKeys assessments required for the National Career Readiness Certificate to students;

(q) Advising students of opportunities to take the SAT and the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery;

(r) Administering a basic math test to students so that they can assess their math skills;

(s) Administering a basic writing test to students so that they can assess their writing skills;

(t) Helping each student prepare a personal plan of study that outlines a sequence of courses and experiences that concludes with the student reaching his or her postsecondary goals; and

(u) Explaining how to complete college applications and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid;

(2) Focuses on career readiness and emphasizes the importance of work ethic, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity;

(3) Demonstrates that graduation from a four-year college is not the only pathway to success by describing to students at least sixteen pathways to success in detail and including guest visitors who represent each pathway described. In exploring how these pathways could be covered in the course, the task force shall consider how instructors for the course may be able to rely on assistance from Missouri Career Pathways within the department of elementary and secondary education;

(4) Provides student loan counseling; and

(5) May include parent-student meetings.

6. Before December 1, 2019, the task force established under subsection 1 of this section shall present its findings and recommendations to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate, the joint committee on education, and the state board of education. Upon presenting the findings and recommendations as described in this subsection, the task force shall dissolve.]

[170.012. 1. Any graduate student who did not receive both his primary and secondary education in a nation or territory in which English is the primary language shall not be given a teaching appointment during his or her first semester of enrollment at any public institution of higher education in the state of Missouri. Exceptions may be granted in special cases upon approval of the chief academic and executive officers of the institution.

2. All graduate students who did not receive both their primary and secondary education in a nation or territory in which English is the primary language shall be tested for their ability to communicate orally in English in a classroom setting prior to receiving a teaching appointment. Such testing shall be made available by the public institution at no cost to the graduate student.



3. All graduate students prior to filling a teaching assistant position as a graduate student, who have not previously lived in the United States shall be given a cultural orientation to prepare them for such teaching appointment.

4. All public institutions of higher education in this state shall provide to the coordinating board for higher education on a biennial basis a report on the number and language background of all teaching assistants, including a copy of the institutions current policy for selection of graduate teaching assistants.

5. The provisions of this section and sections 174.310 and 175.021 shall not apply to any person employed under a contract of employment in existence prior to August 13, 1986.]

[172.651. Whenever any bond or securities which are held in the seminary fund shall mature, the state treasurer, upon order of the board of curators of the state university, shall present the same for payment, and shall hold the proceeds thereof as part of the seminary fund, and such proceeds shall be immediately reinvested as in sections 172.610 to 172.720 provided.]

[172.660. 1. The state treasurer shall be the custodian of all original and renewal certificates of indebtedness of the state to the seminary fund and of all bonds and securities in which the seminary fund shall be invested, and also of all moneys belonging to said seminary fund, and he and his sureties shall be responsible on his official bond for the performance of his duties in the safekeeping, disbursement and investment of all money or property of the seminary fund in accordance with the provisions of sections 172.610 to 172.720.

2. The state treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all certificates of indebtedness, money, bonds and securities in the seminary fund, the maturities thereof, the rates of interest thereon, and the dates when said interest is payable, and shall certify to the board of curators quarter-yearly such accounts and reports relating thereto as may be required by said board.

3. The state treasurer shall include in each of his reports to the general assembly a full account of all receipts and expenditures on account of the seminary fund and the income therefrom and a report of all information in his possession which relates to such fund and property dedicated to the use of the university.]

[172.661. 1. The board of curators shall keep a regular account with the state treasurer and all other persons in relation to the seminary fund.

2. The board of curators of the state university shall require all persons who shall have received any money belonging to said fund or income to settle their accounts, and, in that name, may sue for and recover all moneys due from any person on account of such fund or income.]

[172.680. The state treasurer, whenever any bonds or securities shall have been purchased by the board of curators for the seminary fund and payment therefor and delivery thereof have been made, shall plainly stamp on the face of each of said bonds or securities these words: "This bond is the property of the seminary fund", and shall sign such statement, and thereafter no bond or securities so stamped shall be negotiable, but it or they shall only be payable to the state treasurer as trustee of the seminary fund. The interest on all such bonds or securities, when due, shall be collected by the state treasurer and credited to the "State Seminary Moneys Fund", which is hereby created, and the payment of such interest certified by him to the board of curators.]

[172.720. The income received from the seminary fund shall be paid for the maintenance of the state university, its College of Agriculture and University of Missouri-Rolla, upon requisition by the board of curators upon the commissioner of administration and shall be applied as in sections 172.610 to 172.720.]

[173.095. In recognition of the role of education in modern society and its influence upon whether or not a citizen will beneficially contribute to his state and community by his talents and developed abilities, and in recognition that educational opportunity should not be limited by the financial means of the student, and in further recognition of the public purposes designated by the United States through the Higher Education Act of 1965, P.L. 89-329, as amended, and the National Vocational Student Loan Insurance Act of 1965, P.L. 89-287, the general assembly of the state of Missouri declares that state assistance to postsecondary students will benefit the state economically and culturally and is a public purpose of great importance.]

[173.100. As used in sections 173.095 to 173.187 the following terms mean:

- (1) "Board", the Missouri coordinating board for higher education;
- (2) "Borrower", any person who has become legally obligated to repay a loan made under the student loan program or that person's guardian, trustee, estate, or other person legally responsible for defending against or satisfying borrower's obligations under the student loan program;
- (3) "Department", the Missouri department of higher education and workforce development;
- (4) "Earnings", compensation paid or payable for personal services, whether denominated wages, salary, commission, bonus, or otherwise;
- (5) "Eligible borrower", any person attending or the parent of a dependent attending an eligible institution;
- (6) "Eligible institution", any institution of postsecondary education, including a university, college, vocational and technical school, and other postsecondary institution, which has been approved for purposes of participation in the Missouri student loan program by the department and the United States Secretary of Education;
- (7) "Eligible lender", any bank, savings and loan association, credit union, insurance company, pension fund, eligible educational institution lender, or the department, or the federal Student Loan Marketing Association or other secondary market operation;
- (8) "Employer", any person, partnership, association, corporation, institution, governmental body, unit or agency, school district or municipal corporation, or any other entity employing one or more persons for a salary, wage, commission or other compensation, or any self-employed borrower;
- (9) "Fund", the state guaranty student loan fund;
- (10) "LLR fund", the lender of last resort revolving fund established in section 173.187;
- (11) "Program", the Missouri guaranteed student loan program.]

[173.105. 1. The board shall determine the basic policies for the loan program and shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to establish the loan program and to carry out the purposes of sections 173.095 to 173.180. The basic policies of the board and all rules and

regulations promulgated pursuant to sections 173.095 to 173.180 shall be designed to encourage maximum involvement and participation by lenders and financial institutions in the student loan program. Lenders and financial institutions shall be encouraged by institutions of higher education to maximize the number of loans available to students. It shall be the responsibility of the coordinating board for higher education to establish guidelines and criteria for institutions of higher education for usage in maximizing the availability of student loans. The department shall be the administrative agency for the implementation of the program, and may employ such personnel as is necessary, in excess of the number provided in subsection 2 of section 6 of the omnibus state reorganization act of 1974, to administer the provisions of sections 173.095 to 173.230.

2. All reports relating to the program which are now or may hereafter be required by the federal government shall also be submitted to the director of the office of administration and to the senate and house appropriations committees.]

[173.110. 1. The department is authorized to issue certificates of guarantee covering student loans by eligible lenders which meet the requirements of sections 173.095 to 173.180 and the regulations of the board adopted hereunder to eligible borrowers, and to pay from the fund to an eligible lender the amount established by federal law in the event the student defaults. Upon payment of the loss the department shall be subrogated to all the rights of the eligible lender.

2. The department shall charge for each guaranteed loan a special loan insurance premium established by federal law which shall be paid to the department by the borrower. Amounts so received shall be used by the department to pay the costs of administering the program and to guarantee student loans.

3. The department is authorized to originate loans, including lender of last resort loans. All moneys to originate loans, including lender of last resort loans, shall be paid from a fund established for that purpose, including the lender of last resort revolving fund created under section 173.187.

4. The total outstanding guaranteed loans shall at no time exceed an amount which, according to sound actuarial judgment as determined by the state auditor, can be guaranteed by the fund.]

[173.115. 1. After the department has paid a loss on a defaulted loan and has entered a statement of claim in which it determines and sets forth the existence, nature and amount of the money due it by the defaulting borrower and a proposed payment schedule, the department may issue an order directing any employer of the borrower to withhold or pay over to the department money due or to become due to the department.

2. Before issuing the order as provided in subsection 1 of this section, the department shall serve on the borrower the statement of claim and shall inform the borrower that the department intends to initiate proceedings to collect the debt through deductions from earnings. The department shall also provide a copy of this section or an explanation of the borrower's rights under this section.

3. The department shall provide the borrower with an opportunity to inspect and copy records related to the defaulted loans.

4. The department shall provide the borrower with the opportunity to enter into a written agreement with the department under terms agreeable to the department to establish a schedule for the repayment of the debt.

5. The department shall provide the borrower with the opportunity to have a hearing before an impartial hearing officer appointed by the department but who is not under the control or supervision of the board or department. The procedures for the hearing shall be the same as those for contested cases under chapter 536. Upon the borrower's filing of a request for a hearing in compliance with the rules of the board, the department shall stay the commencement of collection proceedings for the debt described in the statement of claim until the department issues an order provided for in subsection 6, 7, or 8, of this section.

6. At the earliest practicable date but not later than sixty days after the filing of the request for the hearing, the hearing officer shall file with the department his written decision which states specifically his findings in regard to those matters set forth in the department's statement of claim. The hearing officer shall also determine and include in his decision the terms of the repayment schedule which shall be the same as that set forth by the department in its statement of claim unless he finds no good cause to enter that schedule. Upon receipt of the hearing officer's decision, the department shall issue an order to pay debt which adopts the findings in the decision as to the existence, nature and amount of the debt and as to the repayment schedule.

7. When a borrower properly requests a hearing under the board's rules and when the hearing officer does not issue a decision within sixty days of the department's having received the request for the hearing, the department shall issue an order withdrawing the statement of claim and serve it upon the borrower with a copy of this subsection. After such an order is entered, the department shall not use the provisions of this section in regard to the loans set forth in the statement of claim, but may use any other remedy provided by law to recover the moneys owed the department. The order issued by the department shall not have the effect of precluding any other administrative or judicial tribunal from deciding any claim brought by the department or other party against the borrower or from deciding any factual or legal issue relevant to such claim.

8. When a borrower does not make a proper timely request for a hearing, the department may issue and serve on the borrower an order to pay debt which contains as its provisions the content of the statement of claim including the proposed repayment schedule.

9. The borrower may seek judicial review of any order to pay debt under sections 536.100 to 536.140.

10. Upon issuing an order to pay debt, but not less than thirty days after the statement of claim was served on the borrower, the department may issue an order to withhold earnings which directs any employer of the borrower to withhold and pay over to the department money due or to become due the borrower. The employer shall withhold from the earnings the amount specified in the order, except that the total amount withheld shall not exceed ten percent of the borrower's earnings after deduction from those earnings of any amount required by law to be withheld. When the borrower voluntarily makes a written request that money due or to become due him be withheld or applied to the debt or that more than the ten percent maximum be withheld from his earnings, the employer shall comply with that request as if so ordered by the department.

11. Subject to the provisions of section 454.505, an order to withhold earnings shall have the same force and effect in regard to the employer as any other garnishment.

12. No employer or other payor who complies with an order to withhold earnings shall be liable to the borrower, or to any other person claiming rights derived from the borrower, for wrongful withholding. An employer who fails or refuses to withhold or pay the amounts as ordered under this section shall be liable to the department in an amount equal to the amount which became due the department during the relevant period and which, under the order, should have been withheld and paid over.

13. An employer shall not discharge, refuse to hire or otherwise discipline an employee as a result of an order to withhold and pay over certain money authorized by this section. Any employer who does so is guilty of an infraction.

14. Service on the borrower or on the employer pursuant to this section or pursuant to rules promulgated under this section may be made on the borrower or employer, respectively or on other party in the manner provided for service of process in a civil action by a duly authorized process server appointed by the department, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the borrower's last known address or to the employer's address. The department may appoint any disinterested party, including, but not necessarily limited to, employees of the department, to serve such process. For purposes of this section, a borrower or an employer who does not accept receipt of service by certified mail or a borrower who has not provided the department his new or correct address is deemed to have been served as of the date on which the certified mail is mailed.

15. The board may promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to, rules pertaining to proceedings before the hearing officer and before the department and rules pertaining to procedures to be followed by employers to comply with the order to withhold and pay over earnings.]

[173.125. As a condition of receiving state funds, every public institution of higher education shall agree to submit to binding dispute resolution with regard to disputes among public institutions of higher education that involve jurisdictional boundaries or the use or expenditure of any state resources whatsoever, as determined by the coordinating board. In all cases, the arbitrator shall be the commissioner of higher education or his or her designee, whose decision shall be binding on all parties. Any institution aggrieved by a decision of the commissioner may appeal such decision, in which instance the case shall be reviewed by the full coordinating board, at which time the full coordinating board shall have the authority to make a binding and final decision, by means of a majority vote, regarding the matter.]

[173.130. Moneys in the fund, both unobligated and obligated as a reserve, which in the judgment of the board are not currently needed for the payment of defaults of guaranteed loans, may be invested by the state treasurer, and any income therefrom shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.]

[173.141. The board may:

(1) Enter into agreements with and receive grants from the United States government in connection with federal programs of assistance to students of postsecondary education;

(2) Contract with public agencies or private persons or organizations for the purpose of carrying out the administrative functions imposed upon it by sections 173.095 to 173.180;

(3) Call upon agencies of the state which have actuarial or financial expertise for consultation and advice, and upon any agency of the state for assistance in the location of delinquent borrowers.]

[173.150. The board, by rules and regulations, shall determine the policy of collections and recovery of loans, including the use of private collection agencies or assigning loans to the United States Secretary of Education. Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the board the department may institute action to recover any amount due the program in any loan transaction, use private collection agencies, or otherwise carry out the policy set by the board.]

[173.160. The board shall adopt and promulgate regulations establishing standards for determining eligible institutions, eligible lenders, and eligible borrowers under sections 173.095 to 173.180. These standards shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) The student's enrollment in an eligible institution, where his good standing and workload meet the criteria of the institution;

(2) The total guaranteed loans made to a student for one academic year;

(3) The aggregate insured unpaid principal of all guaranteed loans made to any student;

(4) The loans received by the student other than those guaranteed under the provisions of sections 173.095 to 173.180;

(5) The need of the student for the loan;

(6) The proportion of guaranteed outstanding student loans in default or potential default status from individual institutions or lenders;

(7) The percentage of the enrolled students at an institution who have guaranteed student loans and then withdraw; and

(8) The proportion of students at an institution having received guaranteed loans.]

[173.170. 1. The board shall adopt regulations establishing standards for determining eligibility of loan agreements to be guaranteed under the provisions of sections 173.095 to 173.180. The regulations shall provide for, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(1) The requirement or nonrequirement of security or endorsement;

(2) The manner and time of repayment of the principal and interest;

(3) The maximum rate of interest;

(4) The right of the borrower to accelerate payments without penalty;

(5) The amount of the guarantee charge;

(6) The effective period of the guarantee;

(7) The percent of the loan covered by the guarantee;

(8) The assignability of loans by the lender;

(9) Procedures in the event of default by the borrower;

(10) The due diligence effort on the part of lenders for collection of guaranteed loans;

(11) Collection assistance and supplemental preclaims assistance to be provided to lenders; and

(12) The extension of the guarantee in consideration of eligible deferments or forbearances.

2. The eligibility of any person for a student loan under the provisions of sections 173.095 to 173.180 shall not be determined or otherwise affected by any considerations of that person's race, religion, sex, creed, color, location of residence, or choice of eligible institution.]

[173.180. The regulations of the board for the program shall be filed with the secretary of state as provided by statute before they shall become effective.]

[173.186. Independent or private guarantors of student loans of Missouri residents attending Missouri postsecondary educational institutions shall be subject to the following provisions in order to be eligible to guaranty such loans:

(1) No such loan shall be guaranteed for attendance at a correspondence school, at a school which has been suspended or terminated from eligibility for the Missouri guaranteed student loan program by the Missouri guaranty agency, at a school which is not designated as an eligible institution for the Missouri guaranteed student loan program by the Missouri guaranty agency or at a school which has been designated as an eligible institution but does not participate;

(2) Each such guarantor of student loans shall file an annual report by each August fifteenth with the Missouri coordinating board for higher education giving, for the immediately preceding period of July first through June thirtieth and for each month therein and for each Missouri postsecondary institution attended by Missouri residents for which loans were guaranteed, the total number of loans guaranteed and the total dollar amount of such loans;

(3) The coordinating board for higher education shall develop and promulgate rules pursuant to and shall administer the provisions of these requirements. The coordinating board shall take reasonable action to identify and notify affected guaranty agencies, lenders and postsecondary educational institutions.]

[173.187. 1. The "Lender of Last Resort Revolving Fund" is hereby established in the state treasury and shall consist of funds received from the United States Secretary of Education, charges, gifts, grants, and bequests from federal, private or other sources made for the purpose of assisting students in financing their education. No portion of the fund shall be transferred to the general revenue fund.

2. The fund shall be administered by the program.]

[173.236. 1. As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms mean:

(1) "Board", the coordinating board for higher education;

(2) "Grant", the Vietnam veteran's survivors grant as established in this section;

(3) "Institution of postsecondary education", any approved public or private institution as defined in section 173.205;

(4) "Survivor", a child or spouse of a Vietnam veteran as defined in this section;

(5) "Tuition", any tuition or incidental fee or both charged by an institution of postsecondary education, as defined in this section, for attendance at the institution by a student as a resident of this state;

(6) "Vietnam veteran", a person who served in the military in Vietnam or the war zone in Southeast Asia and to whom the following criteria shall apply:

(a) The veteran was a Missouri resident when first entering the military service and at the time of death;

(b) The veteran's death was attributable to illness that could possibly be a result of exposure to toxic chemicals during the Vietnam Conflict; and

(c) The veteran served in the Vietnam theater between 1961 and 1972.

2. Within the limits of the amounts appropriated therefor, the coordinating board for higher education shall award annually up to twelve grants to survivors of Vietnam veterans to attend institutions of postsecondary education in this state. If the waiting list of eligible survivors exceeds fifty, the coordinating board may petition the general assembly to expand the quota. If the quota is not expanded the eligibility of survivors on the waiting list shall be extended.

3. A survivor may receive a grant pursuant to this section only so long as the survivor is enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, or an associate or baccalaureate degree. In no event shall a survivor receive a grant beyond the completion of the first baccalaureate degree, regardless of age. No survivor shall receive more than one hundred percent of tuition when combined with similar funds made available to such survivor.

4. The coordinating board for higher education shall:

(1) Promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this section;

(2) Determine minimum standards of performance in order for a survivor to remain eligible to receive a grant under this program;

(3) Make available on behalf of a survivor an amount toward the survivor's tuition which is equal to the grant to which the survivor is entitled under the provisions of this section;

(4) Provide the forms and determine the procedures necessary for a survivor to apply for and receive a grant under this program.

5. In order to be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this section, a survivor shall be certified as eligible by a Missouri state veterans service officer. Such certification shall be made upon qualified medical certification by a Veterans Administration medical authority that exposure to toxic chemicals contributed to or was the cause of death of the veteran, as defined in subsection 1 of this section.

6. A survivor who is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate postsecondary student at an approved institution of postsecondary education shall receive a grant in an amount not to exceed the least of the following:

(1) The actual tuition, as defined in this section, charged at an approved institution where the child is enrolled or accepted for enrollment; or

(2) The average amount of tuition charged a Missouri resident at the institutions identified in section 174.020 for attendance as a full-time student, as defined in section 173.205.



7. A survivor who is a recipient of a grant may transfer from one approved public or private institution of postsecondary education to another without losing his entitlement under this section. The board shall make necessary adjustments in the amount of the grant. If a grant recipient at any time withdraws from the institution of postsecondary education so that under the rules and regulations of that institution he is entitled to a refund of any tuition, fees, or other charges, the institution shall pay the portion of the refund to which he is entitled attributable to the grant for that semester or similar grading period to the board.

8. If a survivor is granted financial assistance under any other student aid program, public or private, the full amount of such aid shall be reported to the board by the institution and the eligible survivor.

9. Nothing in this section shall be construed as a promise or guarantee that a person will be admitted to an institution of postsecondary education or to a particular institution of postsecondary education, will be allowed to continue to attend an institution of postsecondary education after having been admitted, or will be graduated from an institution of postsecondary education.

10. The benefits conferred by this section shall be available to any academically qualified surviving children and spouses of Vietnam veterans as defined in subsection 1 of this section, regardless of the survivor's age, until December 31, 1995. After December 31, 1995, the benefits conferred by this section shall not be available to such persons who are twenty-five years of age or older, except spouses will remain eligible until the fifth anniversary after the death of the veteran.

11. This section shall expire on December 31, 2015.]

[173.262. 1. There is hereby established the "Marguerite Ross Barnett Competitiveness Scholarship Program", and any moneys appropriated by the general assembly for this program shall be used to provide scholarships for Missouri citizens to attend a Missouri college or university of their choice pursuant to the provisions of this section.

2. The definitions of terms set forth in section 173.205 shall be applicable to such terms as used in this section. The term "competitiveness scholarship" means an amount of money paid by the state of Missouri to a qualified college or university student pursuant to the provisions of this section.

3. The coordinating board for higher education shall be the administrative agency for the implementation of the program established by this section, and shall:

(1) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the exercise of its functions and the effectuation of the purposes of this section;

(2) Prescribe the form and the time and method of awarding competitiveness scholarships, and shall supervise the processing thereof; and

(3) Select qualified recipients to receive competitiveness scholarships, make such awards of competitiveness scholarships to qualified recipients and determine the manner and method of payment to the recipient.

4. A student shall be eligible for initial or renewed competitiveness scholarship if, at the time of his application and throughout the period during which he is receiving such assistance, he is a part-time student who:

- (1) Is eighteen years of age or older;
- (2) Is employed twenty hours or more per week;
- (3) Is a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States;
- (4) Is a resident of the state of Missouri, as determined by reference to standards promulgated pursuant to section 173.140;
- (5) Is enrolled, or has been accepted for enrollment, as a part-time undergraduate student in an approved private or public institution; and
- (6) Establishes financial need.

5. A recipient of competitiveness scholarship awarded under the provisions of this section may transfer from one approved Missouri public or private institution to another without losing eligibility for the scholarship. If a recipient of the scholarship at any time withdraws from an approved private or public institution so that under the rules and regulations of that institution he is entitled to a refund of any tuition, fees or other charges, the institution shall pay the portion of the refund attributable to the scholarship for that term to the coordinating board for higher education.]

[173.264. There is hereby established as a pilot project the "International Economic Development Exchange Program". The department of economic development, with the advice of the advisory committee established in section 173.265, shall administer the program, except that the department shall administer the program without additional staff or salary for such program. The program shall be established to encourage international exchanges at industrial and commercial business enterprises for students enrolled in institutions of higher education. Full-time students who attend institutions of higher education in this state shall be eligible for financial assistance to attend the student internship exchange portion of the program in eligible countries other than the United States. Priority shall be given to business internship exchange programs of public and private institutions of higher education in this state, where such programs have been in existence for at least ten successive years prior to December 23, 1997. The program shall include an inventory of the number of students involved in such programs, which shall be maintained by the advisory committee. The program shall also include the development of methods for fostering international trade through exchange programs and through business and entrepreneurial training programs. The program may include the provision of scholarships and other financial assistance in cooperation with the federal government, public and private institutions of higher education, and businesses, to enable students and business people from eligible countries to study and attend training programs in the United States.]

[173.265. 1. There is hereby created an "International Economic Development Exchange Program Advisory Committee", which shall consist of five members, to be appointed by the director of the department of economic development. The committee shall include two persons associated with institutions of higher education in this state and one resident business person who deals with international business. Of the five members, all shall be residents of the state, at least one member shall be a resident of one of the two largest metropolitan areas of this state, and at least one member shall not be a resident of one of the two largest metropolitan areas of this state. The members shall serve three-year terms. The committee shall meet only in Jefferson City. The committee shall review the administration of the international economic development exchange program by the department of economic development. The director of the department of

economic development shall make an annual report of the program's activities to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro tem of the senate. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

2. The program may receive grants, loans and other funding from the federal government and from private sources. In addition, the general assembly may appropriate up to one hundred thousand dollars in each fiscal year for the program; however, such appropriation shall not exceed an amount equal to the amounts contributed to the program from nongovernmental sources.]

[173.475. Notwithstanding any provision of law or policy of a public institution of higher education to the contrary, no public college or university, as defined in section 173.355, shall reject an applicant for a faculty position based solely on the applicant having not earned a graduate degree, provided that the applicant has earned an undergraduate baccalaureate degree and has served for at least eight years in the general assembly.]

[173.775. 1. Sections 173.775 to 173.796 shall be known as the "Advantage Missouri Program". This program shall provide loans to and establish a loan forgiveness program for students in approved educational programs who become employed in occupational areas of high demand in this state.

2. The "Advantage Missouri Trust Fund" is hereby created in the state treasury, to be used by the coordinating board for higher education to provide loans pursuant to sections 173.775 to 173.796. All appropriations, private donations, and other funds provided to the board for this program shall be credited to the fund. All funds generated by loan repayments and any penalties received pursuant to sections 173.787 and 173.790, shall also be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any unexpended balance in the fund shall not revert to the general revenue fund.]

[173.778. As used in sections 173.775 to 173.796, the following terms mean:

- (1) "Board", the coordinating board for higher education;
- (2) "Eligible institution", any approved public or private institution of postsecondary education, as defined in section 173.205 or any other Missouri private institution that:
  - (a) Is required by statute to be certified to operate by the board;
  - (b) Is institutionally accredited by a United States Department of Education recognized accrediting commission;
  - (c) Has operated continuously in the state of Missouri for five or more years;
  - (d) Has no more than fifty percent of its students in correspondence programs;
  - (e) Offers a one-year or two-year certificate, associate or baccalaureate degree programs, or graduate or professional degree programs; and
  - (f) Is approved for participation in the advantage Missouri program by the board;
- (3) "Eligible student", an individual who is enrolled full time in an eligible institution, unless the board approves less than full-time enrollment, who meets the eligibility requirements pursuant to subsection 1 of section 173.215 and who meets the following additional requirements:

(a) Has received a high school diploma, general educational development certificate (GED), or its equivalent;

(b) Maintains satisfactory academic progress as determined by the eligible institution such student attends in pursuing a one-year or two-year certificate, associate or baccalaureate degree, or graduate or professional degree. Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress shall result in ineligibility for continued participation in the program and ineligibility for forgiveness of any loan or loans received;

(c) Is not currently confined in any federal or state correctional facility or jail;

(d) Has not defaulted on the repayment of any previously granted higher education loan; and

(e) Submits an application provided by the board for participation in the program;

(4) "Fund", the advantage Missouri trust fund, established in section 173.775; and

(5) "Occupational areas of high demand", specific professions or skill areas for which the board determines that the state is experiencing a shortage of qualified employees;

(6) "Program", the advantage Missouri program established pursuant to sections 173.775 to 173.796.]

[173.781. By August 28, 1998, and by June first of each year thereafter, the board shall designate occupational areas of high demand in the state. The board shall also designate professions and skill areas directly related to the areas of high demand, and the degree programs or certifications directly leading to employment in such areas. In making such designations, the board shall consult with the department of labor and industrial relations, the department of economic development, and private sector business and labor groups. The board shall also consult with other private and public agencies and individuals with expertise related to labor markets, geographic and demographic analysis, and solicit input from interested parties throughout the state, in order to ensure that:

(1) The diverse needs of the state are considered; and

(2) That these designations reflect the broad, long-term economic, educational, and public policy interests of the state in both the public and private sectors.]

[173.784. An eligible student may participate in the program for up to ten semesters, or their equivalent, whether consecutive or not, and may be awarded a loan of up to two thousand five hundred dollars per academic year by the board, not to exceed a maximum of ten thousand dollars. No student shall participate in the program more than seven years after beginning such participation.]

[173.787. Eligible students who are in compliance with program requirements may qualify for forgiveness of a loan or loans received through the program by agreeing to be employed in an occupational area of high demand within the state of Missouri, as determined by the board, with such employment beginning within one calendar year of graduation by the individual from an eligible institution, and as outlined in the contract pursuant to section 173.790. The employment qualifying the eligible student for loan forgiveness shall be approved by the board. The board shall approve loan forgiveness on a year-for-year basis, with each year of approved employment qualifying the student for the forgiveness of one year's loans. Students electing not

to comply with these employment requirements, or students failing to meet these requirements shall be required to repay with interest any or all loans received, pursuant to the contractual provisions described in section 173.790.]

[173.790. 1. The board shall enter into a contract with each individual qualifying for participation in the program at the time the individual declares a major or decides on a course of study, if a major is not declared at the institution at which the individual is enrolled. The written contract shall contain, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The terms and conditions under which the loan is made, and the requirements for repayment of the loan by the student;

(2) A stipulation that, the provisions of section 143.811 to the contrary notwithstanding, no interest shall be assessed on any loan provided through the program while the student is enrolled full time, or enrolled part-time with the approval of the board, and meets the eligibility requirements pursuant to section 173.778;

(3) The terms and conditions for qualifying for forgiveness of loan proceeds received through the program;

(4) A provision that any financial obligations arising out of a contract entered into, and any obligations of the individual which are conditioned thereon, are contingent upon funds being appropriated to the fund and on the availability of a targeted high demand job; and

(5) The amount of any penalties assessed, in the event repayment of the loan by the student is not made in accordance with the contract, or the student fails to maintain eligibility or other requirements of the program. All such penalties shall be deposited in the fund.

2. Sections 173.775 to 173.796 shall not be construed to require the board to enter into contracts with individuals who otherwise qualify for the program when funds are not available for such purpose.]

[173.793. Nothing in sections 173.775 to 173.796 shall be construed as a promise or guarantee by the coordinating board for higher education, or the state of Missouri that a person will be admitted to a state institution of higher education or to a particular state institution of higher education, will be allowed to continue to attend an institution of higher education after having been admitted, or will be graduated from an institution of higher education.]

[173.796. 1. As used in this section, the term "taxpayer" means an individual, a partnership, or a corporation as described in section 143.441 or 143.471, and includes any charitable organization which is exempt from federal income tax and whose Missouri unrelated business taxable income, if any, would be subject to the state income tax imposed under chapter 143.

2. Any taxpayer may make a contribution to the fund. Within the limits specified in subsection 3 of this section, a taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the taxes imposed pursuant to chapter 143, except for sections 143.191 to 143.265, on that individual or entity of up to fifty percent of the total amount contributed to the fund, not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars per taxpayer.

3. The department of revenue shall administer the tax credits pursuant to this section, and shall certify eligibility for the tax credits in the order applications are received. The total amount of tax credits certified in any one calendar year shall not exceed five million dollars annually. Contributions of up to one hundred thousand dollars per annum per taxpayer may be certified by

the department of revenue as a qualified contribution for purposes of receiving a tax credit under this program.

4. If the amount of tax credit exceeds the total tax liability for the year in which the tax credit is claimed, the amount that exceeds the state tax liability may be carried forward for credit against the taxes imposed pursuant to chapter 143, except for sections 143.191 to 143.265, for the succeeding ten years, or until the full credit is used, whichever occurs first.

5. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, no tax credits shall be authorized, awarded, or issued to any person or entity claiming any tax credit under this section.

6. The provisions of this section shall become effective January 1, 1999.]

[620.552. Sections 620.552 to 620.574 shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri Youth Service and Conservation Corps Act".]

[620.554. There is hereby established a "Missouri Youth Service and Conservation Corps" which shall provide educational remediation, employability skills training, and meaningful work experience necessary to better prepare the state's youths for meeting basic work requirements and their civic responsibility, while offering them opportunities to explore careers, gain needed work experience and contribute to the general welfare of their communities and the state.]

[620.556. As used in sections 620.552 to 620.574 the following terms mean:

(1) "Corps" and "youth corps", the Missouri youth service and conservation corps;

(2) "Division", the division of workforce development within the department of economic development;

(3) "Local workforce investment boards", the local workforce investment boards established under Section 117 of the Workforce Investment Act, Public Law 105-220, as amended, or any other succeeding administrative body established by subsequent federal legislation to provide for the local administration and expenditure of funding for employment and job training and approved by the division of workforce development;

(4) "Participant", a person who has been hired, or who has been accepted as a volunteer, and who meets the program eligibility criteria established by sections 620.552 to 620.574;

(5) "Project", an undertaking designed to provide or assist in providing services to promote conservation, public health, education and welfare among the general population. The term includes, but is not limited to:

(a) The rehabilitation of substandard housing;

(b) The repair, restoration and maintenance of public facilities and amenities;

(c) Assistance with the organization and delivery of educational and health services;

(d) Assistance for the elderly homebound;

(e) Delivery of food to the hungry and elderly;

(f) Restoration or development of park facilities;

(g) Trail construction and maintenance;

(h) Litter control;

(i) Land and soil conservation and rehabilitation;

(j) Road repair;

(k) Land reclamation;

(l) Reforestation; and

(m) Other undertakings which benefit the control, management, restoration and conservation of the bird, fish, game, forestry, or wildlife resources, and soil or water resources of this state;

(6) "Project sponsor", state agencies, including the departments of elementary and secondary education, social services, labor and industrial relations, conservation, and natural resources and the University of Missouri extension system; any unit of local government, including school districts; private not-for-profit corporations or organizations; administrative entities designated pursuant to the requirements of the Workforce Investment Act and any subsequent amendments; and community-based organizations.]

[620.558. 1. The Missouri youth service and conservation corps shall consist of the following programs:

(1) A year-round community services and conservation program for young adults;

(2) A summer employment program;

(3) A volunteer program for youths.

2. In selecting participants for the youth service and conservation corps, the director of the division shall give preference to persons who are high school dropouts and who are at risk of not graduating from high school. The director may segregate programs and funds to serve such persons to enhance the efficiency of administering any federal Workforce Investment Act funds which are available to the youth service and conservation corps.

3. Residents of both urban and rural areas of the state shall be eligible to apply to participate in the youth service and conservation corps. No person who has been convicted of a felony within the previous two years shall be eligible to participate in the youth service and conservation corps. Participants shall be unemployed at the time of their enrollment.]

[620.560. 1. The community services and conservation program for young adults shall consist of projects offering participants paid work experience integrated with educational activities which may include, but is not limited to, employability skills training and educational remediation activities.

2. Participants who are high school dropouts shall work toward the completion of their graduate equivalency diploma and shall be excused from work according to a planned work schedule proposed by the project sponsor and approved by the division of workforce development in its review of a project application, to allow them to attend classes or gain instruction. The division of workforce development shall work with the department of elementary and secondary education to establish criteria for determining participants who may be at risk of not earning a high school diploma. Participants who meet these criteria shall be required to attend remediation classes designed to assist in the retention and successful completion of high school according to a planned work schedule proposed by the project sponsor and approved by the division in its

review of a project application. All participants shall be paid a wage according to a work plan approved by the division, and commensurate with the number of hours worked by the participant. During the last three weeks of employment, all participants may be granted eight hours of paid time each week to search for permanent employment.]

[620.562. 1. The summer employment program shall consist of projects offering needed paid work experience integrated with educational activities which may include, but is not limited to, employability skills training and educational remediation activities. Participants shall be unemployed at the time of their enrollment.

2. Participants in the program shall be paid a wage according to a work plan approved by the division of workforce development, and commensurate with the number of hours worked by the participant. If participants are high school dropouts, they shall be required to work toward the completion of their graduate equivalency diploma while employed in the summer employment and remediation program. The division of workforce development shall work with the department of elementary and secondary education to establish criteria for determining participants who may be at risk of not earning a high school diploma. Participants who meet these criteria shall be required to attend remediation classes designed to assist in the retention and successful completion of high school.]

[620.564. The youth volunteer program shall consist of unpaid work in projects which provide employability skills training and preemployment work experience. Such unpaid work shall not preclude the provision of supportive services deemed appropriate. Each volunteer program of the Missouri youth service and conservation corps shall demonstrate a high degree of youth input into program development, shall provide career-related information pertaining to volunteer projects, shall provide useful service to the community and shall abide by state and federal child labor laws.]

[620.566. 1. The division of workforce development within the department of economic development is hereby authorized to administer the Missouri youth service and conservation corps programs and adopt rules and regulations governing their operation and participation requirements.

2. The division shall cooperate with and may directly contract with all state agencies, local units of government and any of the governor's advisory councils or commissions, or their successor agencies, and with private not-for-profit organizations in delivery of youth corps programs. For purposes of this section, the contracting process of the division with these entities need not be governed by the provisions of chapter 34.

3. Upon application to the division and subject to the availability of funds, the division is authorized to provide funding assistance through contracts with administrative entities, designated pursuant to the Workforce Investment Act and any subsequent amendments, and project sponsors. The application shall form the basis for the contract agreement and, at a minimum, shall include:

(1) A general project description, including the extent to which it satisfies community development or resource conservation objectives and whether or not such objectives are stated within any municipal, county, regional or state agency plan;



(2) The number of corps members to be assigned to each project, a description of the nature and duration of their employment or volunteer work, and a description of combinations or sequences of education or vocational training to be provided;

(3) The amount of total funds required to sustain the project, distinguishing between the amounts required for corps members' wages and stipends, if any, and the amounts required for other purposes;

(4) A statement of the amount and purpose of funding assistance requested from the division and the manner and timing of its disbursement;

(5) A description of the interagency coordination, technical assistance and financial support which together with the funding assistance, the resources of the applicant and support from any other source, is sufficient to ensure the success of the project. The commitment of financial support from the project sponsor shall be equal to or greater than twenty-five percent of the amount of the total project cost.

4. An application shall only be submitted to the division after review by the private industry council operating within the service delivery area in which the project is to be located, regardless of the actual project sponsor. It shall include the signatures of the workforce investment board chairperson and the designated chief local elected official of the local workforce investment area.

5. The division shall ensure that all affected state agencies are made aware of the application and are provided the opportunity to offer comments related to the project feasibility, including the identification of other available funds for the project.]

[620.568. 1. A project sponsor shall administer projects funded under sections 620.552 to 620.574 in the following manner:

(1) Participants, except those enrolled in the youth volunteer program, shall be paid at least the minimum wage as established by federal or state law at the time of employment;

(2) Persons employed through any of the corps programs shall be exempt from merit system requirements, and shall not be eligible for membership in any public employees' retirement system. All participants shall be so advised by the project sponsor and the regulating authority;

(3) Services performed by a participant in any corps program shall not constitute "employment" within the meaning of the Missouri employment security law in chapter 288, if the program is operated as a work-relief or work-training program in accordance with subdivision (5) of subsection 9 of section 288.034.

2. Not more than ten percent of the funds distributed to a project sponsor may be expended for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses shall be approved by the division.

3. No funds shall be awarded for any program which replaces or supplants employees engaged in any authorized work stoppage or which replaces or supplants currently employed workers or which impairs existing contracts for services provided by other workers.]

[620.570. 1. The Missouri training and employment council, as established in section 620.523, shall review and recommend criteria for evaluating project funding assistance, program criteria, and other requirements and priorities to be used by the division in the evaluation and monitoring of Missouri youth service and conservation corps projects.

2. The division shall work with the department of higher education and workforce development, the department of elementary and secondary education, all colleges, universities and lending institutions throughout the state to develop a system of academic credit, tuition grants and deferred loan repayment incentives for young adults who enroll and complete participation in corps programs. The division shall adopt rules under chapter 536 designed to implement any such incentive programs.

3. The division of workforce development of the department of economic development shall establish and promote the recruitment of "Show-Me Employers" which shall consist of Missouri-based corporations and businesses agreeing to interview, for entry-level jobs, participants successfully completing a youth corps program.

4. The division of workforce development of the department of economic development shall recognize and promote within the labor exchange system the youth service corps and the potential benefits of hiring participants who have successfully completed any of the corps' programs.]

[620.572. The directors of the departments of conservation, economic development, social services, elementary and secondary education, labor and industrial relations, and natural resources and the director of the University of Missouri extension system shall meet regularly to establish appropriate allocations from their respective budgets to be made for the operation of the Missouri youth service and conservation corps. Funding for the operation of the corps may come from, but not be limited to, moneys available through the federal Carl Perkins Act, the federal Workforce Investment Act, the federal Wagner-Peyser Act, the one-eighth of one cent sales tax as authorized by Sections 43(a) and 43(b) of Article IV of the Missouri Constitution, and other discretionary funds which may be available to the various departments and to the governor's office.]

[620.574. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Youth Service and Conservation Corps Fund". The state treasurer shall deposit to the credit of the fund all moneys which may be appropriated to it by the general assembly and any gifts, contributions, grants or bequests received from federal, private or other sources. The general assembly shall appropriate moneys in the youth service and conservation corps fund for the support of the corps.]; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

#### HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 5

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160, Page 11, Section 178.786, Lines 19-41, by deleting all of the said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**"4. (1) The coordinating board, with the assistance of an advisory committee composed of an equal number of representatives from each public community college in this state and each public four-year institution of higher education in this state, shall approve a sixty-credit-hour,**

transferable, lower-division course equivalency block and a common course numbering equivalency matrix for the following degree programs:

- (a) General business;
- (b) Elementary education and teaching;
- (c) General psychology;
- (d) Nursing; and
- (e) General biology or biological science, or both.

(2) Such sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block shall facilitate the transfer of courses that are part of such program among public institutions of higher education in this state by promoting consistency in course designation and course identification.

(3) Each public community college and public four-year institution of higher education in this state offering the degree programs described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall include in its programs of study the common course numbering equivalency matrix approved by the coordinating board under this subsection.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or section 178.787 to the contrary, the advisory committee may, upon a unanimous vote, approve a number of credit hours that differs from the sixty-credit-hour requirement for the transferable, lower-division course equivalency block and common course numbering equivalency matrix for the degree programs listed in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

5. The coordinating board shall complete the requirements of subsection 4 of this section before June 30, 2027, for implementation of the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block for the degree programs described in subdivision (1) of subsection 4 of this section for the 2028-29 academic year for all public institutions of higher education in this state."; and

Further amend said bill, Pages 12-13, Section 178.787, Lines 18 to 48, by deleting all of the said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"4. Each community college in this state, as defined in section 163.191, and public four-year institution of higher education in this state shall adopt the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block and common course numbering equivalency matrix for the degree programs described in subdivision (1) of subsection 4 of section 178.786, including specific courses constituting the block, based on the core outcome recommendations made by the coordinating board for higher education under subsection 4 of section 178.786, for implementation beginning in the 2028-29 academic year. No institution of higher education in this state shall be required to adopt the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block for degree programs not offered at the institution.

5. If a student successfully completes the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division courses at a community college or other public institution of higher education in this state, such block of courses may be transferred to any other public institution of higher education in this state and shall

**be substituted for the receiving institution's lower-division block for the same degree program. A student shall receive academic credit toward the student's degree for each of the courses transferred and shall not be required to take additional equivalent courses at the receiving institution for the same degree program.**

**6. A student who transfers from one public institution of higher education in this state to another public institution of higher education in this state without completing the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block of the sending institution shall receive academic credit toward the same degree program from the receiving institution for each of the courses that the student has successfully completed in the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block of the sending institution. Following receipt of credit for such courses, the student may be required to satisfy further course requirements in the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block of the receiving institution.**

**7. The coordinating board shall report to the house higher education committee and the senate education committee on progress related to the requirements of subsections 4 and 5 of section 178.786 and subsections 4, 5, and 6 of this section before December 31, 2026."; and**

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

#### HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 6

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160, Page 8, Section 173.002, Line 53, by inserting after said section and line the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) Does not discriminate in the hiring of administrators, faculty and staff or in the admission of students on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin and is in compliance with the Federal Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 and executive orders issued pursuant thereto. Sex discrimination as

used herein shall not apply to admission practices of institutions offering the enrollment limited to one sex;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(h) Is organized as a nonprofit institution; and

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

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

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

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

[ (8)] (7) "Full-time student", an individual who is enrolled in and is carrying a sufficient number of credit hours or their equivalent at an approved private, public, or virtual institution to secure the degree or certificate toward which he or she is working in no more than the number of semesters or their equivalent normally required by that institution in the program in which the individual is enrolled. This definition shall be construed as the successor to subdivision (7) of section 173.205 for purposes of eligibility requirements of other financial assistance programs that refer to section 173.205;

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

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

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

2. The coordinating board shall determine eligibility for renewed assistance on the basis of annual applications and annual evaluations of [expected family contribution] **student aid index**. In awarding renewal grants, the coordinating board may increase or decrease the amount of financial assistance to an applicant if such action is warranted by a change in the financial condition of the applicant, the applicant's spouse or parents, or the availability of funds for that year. As a condition to consideration for initial or renewed assistance, the coordinating board may require the applicant, the applicant's spouse and parents to execute forms of consent authorizing the director of revenue of Missouri to compare financial information submitted by the applicant with the Missouri individual income tax returns of the applicant, the applicant's spouse and parents for the taxable year immediately preceding the year for which application is made, and to report any discrepancies to the coordinating board.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) For the 2014-15 academic year [and subsequent years] **through the 2024-25 academic year:**

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

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

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

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

**(b) Three thousand five hundred dollars maximum and one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public four-year sector, including State Technical College of Missouri, approved private institutions, or approved virtual institutions.**

2. All students with [an expected family contribution] **a student aid index** of twelve thousand dollars or less shall receive at least the minimum award amount for his or her institution. Maximum award amounts for an eligible student with [an expected family contribution] **a student aid index** above seven thousand dollars shall be reduced by ten percent of the maximum [expected family contribution] **student aid index** for his or her increment group. Any award amount shall be reduced by the amount of a student's

payment from the A+ schools program or any successor program to it. For purposes of this subsection, the term "increment group" shall mean a group organized by [expected family contribution] **student aid index** in five hundred dollar increments into which all eligible students shall be placed.

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

4. Every three years, beginning with **the 2025-26** academic year [2009-10], the award amount may be adjusted to increase no more than the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), 1982-1984 = 100, not seasonally adjusted, as defined and officially recorded by the United States Department of Labor, or its successor agency, for the previous academic year. The coordinating board shall prepare a report prior to the legislative session for use of the general assembly and the governor in determining budget requests which shall include the amount of funds necessary to maintain full funding of the program based on the baseline established for the program upon the effective date of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107. Any increase in the award amount shall not become effective unless an increase in the amount of money appropriated to the program necessary to cover the increase in award amount is passed by the general assembly."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 13, Section 178.787, Line 48, by inserting after said section and line the following:

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

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

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

(3) "Committee", the state committee for social workers established in section 337.622;

(4) "Department", the Missouri department of commerce and insurance;



(5) "Director", the director of the division of professional registration;

(6) "Division", the division of professional registration;

(7) "Independent practice", any practice of social workers outside of an organized setting such as a social, medical, or governmental agency in which a social worker assumes responsibility and accountability for services required;

(8) "Licensed advanced macro social worker", any person who offers to render services to individuals, groups, families, couples, organizations, institutions, communities, government agencies, corporations, or the general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced, and licensed as an advanced macro social worker, and who holds a current valid license to practice as an advanced macro social worker;

(9) "Licensed baccalaureate social worker", any person who offers to render services to individuals, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, government agencies, or the general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced, and licensed as a baccalaureate social worker, and who holds a current valid license to practice as a baccalaureate social worker;

(10) "Licensed clinical social worker", any person who offers to render services to individuals, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, government agencies, or the general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced, and licensed as a clinical social worker, and who holds a current, valid license to practice as a clinical social worker;

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

(12) "Master social work", the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, and ethics and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, communities, institutions, government agencies, or corporations. The practice includes the applications of specialized knowledge and advanced practice skills in the areas of assessment, treatment planning, implementation and evaluation, case management, mediation, information and referral, counseling, client education, supervision, consultation, education, research, advocacy, community organization and development, planning, evaluation, implementation and administration of policies, programs, and activities. Under supervision as provided in this section, the practice of master social work may include the practices reserved to clinical social workers or advanced macro social workers for no more than forty-eight consecutive calendar months for the purpose of obtaining licensure under section 337.615 or 337.645;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Successfully completed a minimum of sixteen hours of supervisory training from the Association of Social Work Boards, the National Association of Social Workers, an accredited university, or a program

approved by the state committee for social workers. All organizations providing the supervisory training shall adhere to the basic content and quality standards outlined by the state committee on social work; and

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

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

(a) 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;**

(b) **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;**

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

[(c)] (d) A current social worker license as set forth 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;

(2) "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, National Guard, and any other military branch that is designated by

Congress as part of the Armed Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and auxiliaries. The term "military" also includes the military reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;

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

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

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

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

(1) The applicant has:

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

a. Accredited by the [council of social work education] **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;**  
or

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

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

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

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

3. (1) Any person who holds a valid current clinical social work license issued by another state, a branch or unit of the military, a territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and who has

been licensed for at least one year in such other jurisdiction, may submit to the committee an application for a clinical social work license in Missouri along with proof of current licensure and proof of licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction.

(2) The committee shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) The form and content of license applications required by the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and section 324.009 and the procedures for filing an application for an initial or renewal license in this state;

- (2) Fees required by the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and section 324.009;
- (3) The characteristics of supervised clinical experience, supervised master experience, supervised advanced macro experience, and supervised baccalaureate experience;
- (4) The standards and methods to be used in assessing competency as a licensed clinical social worker, licensed master social worker, licensed advanced macro social worker, and licensed baccalaureate social worker, including the requirement for continuing education hours;
- (5) Establishment and promulgation of procedures for investigating, hearing and determining grievances and violations occurring pursuant to the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689;
- (6) Development of an appeal procedure for the review of decisions and rules of administrative agencies existing pursuant to the constitution or laws of this state;
- (7) Establishment of a policy and procedure for reciprocity with states which do not have clinical, master, advanced macro, or baccalaureate social worker licensing laws and states whose licensing laws are not substantially similar to those of this state; [and]
- (8) Establishment of a policy and procedure for reviewing social work degree programs offering a master's degree in social work that have achieved candidacy or precandidacy status in the accreditation process established by the Council on Social Work Education to determine whether to recognize and approve such programs for licensure purposes; and**
- (9) Any other policies or procedures necessary to the fulfillment of the requirements of sections 337.600 to 337.689.**

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

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

337.644. 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;
- (2) "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, National Guard, and any other military branch that is designated by

Congress as part of the Armed Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and auxiliaries. The term "military" also includes the military reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;

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

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

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

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

(1) The applicant has:

**(a) A master's degree in social work from a social work degree 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;**  
or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

that the applicant has complied with the provisions of subsection 2 of this section. The license shall refer to the individual as a licensed master social worker and shall recognize that individual's right to practice licensed master social work as defined in section 337.600.

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

(2) The committee shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



(1) The applicant has:

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

a. Accredited by the [council of social work education] **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;**  
or

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Has:

(a) Received:

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

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

(ii) **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;**  
or

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

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

**(2) Is currently licensed or certified as an advanced macro social worker in another state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia having substantially the same requirements as this state for advanced macro social workers.**

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

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

#### HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 7

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160, Page 13, Section 178.787, Line 48, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

**"578.365. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as "Danny's Law".**

**2. A person commits the offense of hazing if he or she knowingly, actively, and not under duress participates in, solicits another person to participate in, or causes or plans a willful act, occurring on or off the campus of a public or private college or university, directed against a student or a prospective member, current member, or former member of an organization operating under the sanction of a public or private college or university, that recklessly endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or prospective member, current member, or former member for the purpose of initiation or admission into or continued membership in any such organization to the extent that such person is knowingly placed at probable risk of the loss of life or probable bodily or psychological harm. Acts of hazing include:**

**(1) Any activity which recklessly endangers the physical health or safety of the student or prospective member, current member, or former member, including but not limited to physical brutality, whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance, or forced smoking or chewing of tobacco products;**

**(2) Any activity which recklessly endangers the mental health of the student or prospective member, current member, or former member, including but not limited to sleep deprivation, physical confinement, or other extreme stress-inducing activity; or**

**(3) Any activity that requires the student or prospective member, current member, or former member to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the criminal laws of this state or any political subdivision in this state.**

**[2.] 3. Public or private colleges or universities in this state shall adopt a written policy prohibiting hazing by any organization operating under the sanction of the institution.**

[3.] **4.** Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as creating a new private cause of action against any educational institution.

[4.] **5.** Consent is not a defense to hazing. Section 565.010 does not apply to hazing cases or to homicide cases arising out of hazing activity.

[5.] **6.** The offense of hazing is a class A misdemeanor, unless the act creates a substantial risk to the life of the student [or], prospective member, **current member, or former member**, in which case it is a class D felony.

**7. A person shall not be guilty of the offense of hazing if the person establishes all of the following:**

**(1) That he was present at an event where, as a result of hazing, a person appeared to be in need of immediate medical assistance;**

**(2) That he was the first person to call 911 or campus security to report the need for immediate medical assistance;**

**(3) That he provided his own name, the address where immediate medical assistance was needed, and a description of the medical issue to the 911 operator or campus security at the time of the call; and**

**(4) That he remained at the scene with the person in need of immediate medical assistance until medical assistance, law enforcement, or campus security arrived and that he cooperated with such personnel on the scene.**

**8. Notwithstanding subsection 7 of this section to the contrary, a person shall be immune from prosecution under this section if the person establishes that the person rendered aid to the hazing victim before medical assistance, law enforcement, or campus security arrived on the scene of the hazing event. For purposes of this subsection, the term "aid" includes, but is not limited to, rendering cardiopulmonary resuscitation to the victim, clearing an airway for the victim to breathe, using a defibrillator to assist the victim, or rendering any other assistance to the victim that the person intended in good faith to stabilize or improve the victim's condition while waiting for medical assistance, law enforcement, or campus security to arrive.**

**9. For purposes of this section, the term "former member" means a person who is no longer affiliated with the chapter of the organization operating under the sanction of the public or private college or university, but who may be affiliated with the national chapter of the organization."; and**

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

**HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 8**

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160, Page 4, Section 160.015, Line 53, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

"160.077. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act".

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

(1) "Department", the Missouri department of health and senior services;

(2) "Disadvantaged school district", any school district that serves students from a county in which at least twenty-five percent of the households in such county are below the federal poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. Section 9902(2), as amended, or any school district in which more than seventy percent of students in the district qualify for a free or reduced price lunch under the federal Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1751 et seq.;

(3) "Drinking water outlet", a potable water fixture that is used for drinking or food preparation. Drinking water outlet includes, but is not limited to:

(a) A water fountain, faucet, or tap that is used or potentially used for drinking or food preparation **or for cleaning cooking or eating utensils**; and

(b) Ice-making and hot drink machines;

(4) "First draw", a two hundred fifty-milliliter sample immediately collected from a drinking water outlet that has been turned on after a stagnation period of at least eight hours;

(5) "Parent", a parent, guardian, or other person having control or custody of a child;

(6) "Private school", the same definition as in section 166.700;

(7) "Public school", the same definition as in section 160.011;

(8) "Remediation", decreasing the lead concentration in water from a drinking water outlet to less than five parts per billion [without relying solely on flushing practices, or] using methods such as the replacement of lead-containing pipes, solder, fittings, or fixtures with lead-free components **or filtering when the water supply is the source of contamination**. Flushing [as a stand alone action] shall not be considered remediation;

(9) "School", any public school, private school, or provider of an early childhood education program that receives state funding.

3. Beginning in the 2023-24 school year and for each subsequent school year, each school shall provide drinking water with a lead concentration level below five parts per billion in sufficient amounts to meet the drinking water needs of all students and staff as provided in this section.

4. (1) On or before January 1, 2024, each school shall:

(a) Conduct an inventory of all drinking water outlets [and all outlets that are used for dispensing water for cooking or for cleaning cooking and eating utensils] in each of the school's buildings;

(b) Develop a plan for testing each outlet inventoried under paragraph (a) of this subdivision and make such plan available to the public; and

(c) Upon request, provide general information on the health effects of lead contamination and additional informational resources for employees and parents of children at each school.

(2) Each school shall make buildings housing early childhood education programs, kindergartens, and elementary schools the priority when complying with paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(3) Before August 1, 2024, or the first day on which students will be present in the building, whichever is later, each school shall:

(a) Perform all testing as required by subsection 5 of this section and within two weeks after receiving test results, make all testing results and any lead remediation plans available on the school's website;

(b) Remove and replace any drinking water coolers or drinking water outlets that the United States Environmental Protection Agency has determined are not lead-free under the federal Lead Contamination Control Act of 1988, as amended; except the school shall not be required to replace those drinking water outlets or water coolers that tested under the requirements of this section and have been determined to be dispensing drinking water with a lead concentration less than five part per billion; however, such drinking water outlet or water cooler shall be subject to all testing requirements and shall not be excluded from testing under **subdivision (3) of subsection [10] 5** of this section.

(4) If testing indicates that the water source is causing the contamination and until such time that the source of the contamination has been remediated, the school shall:

(a) Install a filter **that reduces lead in drinking water** at each point at which the water supply enters the building **in accordance with any relevant requirements set forth by the department of natural resources to ensure lead concentrations are below the standard set in subsection 3 of this section;**

(b) Install a filter that reduces lead in drinking water on each water outlet inventoried under paragraph (a) of subdivision (1) of this subsection to ensure lead concentrations are below five parts per billion; or

(c) Provide purified water at each water outlet inventoried under paragraph (a) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(5) If testing indicates that the internal building piping is causing the contamination and until such time that the source of the contamination has been remediated, the school shall:

(a) Install a filter that reduces lead in drinking water on each water outlet inventoried under paragraph (a) of subdivision (1) of this subsection to ensure lead concentrations are below five parts per billion; [or]

(b) Provide purified water at each water outlet inventoried under paragraph (a) of subdivision (1) of this subsection; **or**

**(c) Remove the outlet from service.**

(6) If a pipe, solder, fitting, or fixture is replaced as part of remediation, the replacement shall be lead free, as such term is defined in 40 CFR 143.12, as amended.

(7) If a test result exceeds five parts per billion, the affected school shall:

(a) Contact parents and staff via written notification within seven business days after receiving the test result. The notification shall include at least:

a. The test results and a summary that explains such results;

b. A description of any remedial steps taken; and

c. A description of general health effects of lead contamination and community specific resources; and

(b) Provide bottled water if there is not enough water to meet the drinking water needs of the students, teachers, and staff.

(8) School districts shall submit such annual testing results to the department.

(9) This subsection shall not be construed to prevent a school from conducting more frequent testing than required under this section.

5. (1) Before August 1, 2024, or the first day on which students will be present in the building, whichever is later, and annually thereafter, each school shall conduct testing for lead by first-draw and follow-up flush samples of a random sampling of at least twenty-five percent of remediated drinking water outlets until all remediated sources have been tested as recommended by the 2018 version of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Training, Testing, and Taking Action program. The testing shall be conducted and the results analyzed for both types of tests by an entity or entities approved by the

department. **All drinking water outlets with test results of less than five parts per billion for lead shall be retested at intervals described in subdivision (3) of this subsection.**

(2) If, in the ten years prior to the 2023-24 school year, a fixture tested above five parts per billion for lead, such fixture does not need to be repeat tested for lead, but instead remediation shall begin on such fixture.

**(3) A school that tests and does not find a drinking water outlet with a lead concentration above the standard described in subsection 3 of this section shall be required to test only every five years. This subdivision shall not be construed to prevent a school from conducting more frequent testing than required under this subsection.**

6. (1) In addition to the apportionments payable to a school district under chapter 163, the department of natural resources, with support from the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of health and senior services, is hereby authorized to apportion to any school additional funding for the filtration, testing, and other remediation of drinking water systems required under this section, subject to appropriation.

(2) To the extent permitted by federal law, a school district may seek reimbursement or other funds for compliance incurred under this section under any applicable federal law including, but not limited to, the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, 33 U.S.C. Section 3901 et seq.

(3) Disadvantaged school districts shall receive funding priority under this subsection.

7. The department, in conjunction with the department of elementary and secondary education, shall publish a report biennially based on the findings from the water testing conducted under this section. Such report shall be published on the department of natural resources website.

8. For public schools, the department shall ensure compliance with this section. Each school district shall be responsible for ensuring compliance within each school within the school district's jurisdiction.

9. [No school building constructed after January 4, 2014, as provided in the federal Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. Section 300g-6), as amended, shall be required to install, maintain, or replace filters under paragraph (c) of subdivision (1) of subsection 4 of this section.

10. A school that tests and does not find a drinking water source with a lead concentration above the acceptable level as described in subsection 3 of this section shall be required to test only every five years.

11.] The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the

authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 13, Section 178.787, Line 48, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

[701.200. 1. Subject to appropriations, each school district, as such term is defined in section 160.011, may test a sample of a source of potable water in a public school building in that district serving students under first grade and constructed before 1996 for lead contamination in accordance with guidance provided by the department of health and senior services. The school district may submit the samples to a department-approved laboratory for analysis for lead and provide the written sampling results to the department within seven days of receipt.

2. The department shall develop guidance for schools in collecting and testing first-draw samples of potable water. The department shall develop and make publicly available a list of approved laboratories for lead analysis.

3. If any of the samples taken in the building exceed current standards for parts-per-billion of lead established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the school district shall promptly provide individual notification of the sampling results, by written or electronic communication, to the parents or legal guardians of all enrolled students and include the following information: the corresponding sampling location within the building and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website for information about lead in drinking water. If any of the samples taken in the building are at or below five parts-per-billion, notification may be made as provided in this subsection or by posting on the school's website.

4. The department may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2020, shall be invalid and void.

5. As used in this section, the term "source of potable water" shall mean the point at which nonbottled water that may be ingested by children or used for food preparation exits any tap, faucet, drinking fountain, wash basin in a classroom occupied by children or students under first grade, or similar point of use; provided, that all bathroom sinks and wash basins used by janitorial staff are excluded from this definition.]; and



Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 9

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160, Page 1, Section A, Line 4, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

"41.890. For the purposes of student resident status, military personnel, when stationed within the state under military orders, their spouses, and their unemancipated children under twenty-four years of age who enroll in a Missouri community college, Missouri college, or Missouri state university shall be regarded as holding Missouri resident status **for undergraduate and graduate degree programs.**"; and

Further amend said bill, Page 8, Section 173.002, Line 53, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"173.1153. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any individual who is currently serving in the Missouri National Guard or in a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be deemed to be domiciled in this state for purposes of eligibility for in-state tuition at any approved public institution in Missouri **for undergraduate and graduate degree programs.**

2. To be eligible for in-state tuition under this section, any such individual shall demonstrate presence within the state of Missouri. For purposes of attending a community college, an individual shall demonstrate presence within the taxing district of the community college he or she attends.

3. If any such individual is eligible to receive financial assistance under any other federal or state student aid program, public or private, the full amount of such aid shall be reported to the coordinating board for higher education by the institution and the individual. The tuition limitation under this section shall be provided after all other federal and state aid for which the individual is eligible has been applied, and no individual shall receive more than the actual cost of attendance when the limitation is combined with other aid made available to such individual.

4. The coordinating board for higher education shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

5. For purposes of this section, "approved public institution" shall have the same meaning as provided in subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of section 173.1102.

6. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

## HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 10

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160, Page 5, Section 160.231, Line 27, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

**"160.2501. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri Religious Liberty in Schools Awareness Act".**

**2. Each public school shall post a statement containing the following or substantially similar information:**

**The Missouri Religious Liberty in Schools Awareness Act requires that students and employees of public schools that are operated at public expense be advised and therefore, encouraged regarding constitutional rights and liberties in the educational setting that are assured by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, free from government coercion:**

**For public school students, such rights and liberties include, but are not limited to, that a student may, in a manner that does not interrupt or displace the educational mission of the public school:**

**Express the student's beliefs about religion to others;**

**Pray or engage in religious expression or read the Bible or other religious texts or materials during free time including, but not limited to, in the classroom;**

**When relevant to the subject matter, express the student's beliefs about religion in a class assignment; and**

**Form, organize, and participate or refrain from participating in, prayer groups, religious clubs and other religious gatherings if other secular groups, clubs, and gatherings are permitted.**

**For public school employees, such rights and liberties include, but are not limited to, that an employee may, in a manner that does not interrupt or displace the educational mission of the public school:**

**Respectfully discuss the employee's faith with other school employees;**

**When relevant to the subject matter, discuss the influence of religion on history and culture;**

**Enjoy the accommodation of the employee's religious beliefs as required by law;**

**Sponsor student religious clubs if secular student clubs are sponsored; and**

**Enjoy freedom from religious discrimination as provided by law.**

**3. (1) The statement required to be posted under this section shall be posted in a prominent location in each of such public school's buildings in which the academic instruction of students actually and regularly occurs.**

**(2) Such statement shall be posted in a similar form and manner as other information required by law is posted.**

**4. The provisions of this section shall be construed to be consistent and in conjunction with section 160.2500."; and**

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Also,

Madam President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has taken up and passed **HCS** for **SS** for **SB 150**, entitled:

An Act to repeal sections 172.280, 173.1102, 173.1103, 173.1105, 173.1352, 174.160, 178.786, 178.787, and 324.009, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eleven new sections relating to workforce development initiatives.

With HA 1, HA 2, HA 3, HA 4, HA 7, HA 10, HA 1 to HA 12, HA 12, as amended.

#### HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 150, Page 1, Section A, Line 4, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) One adult high school to be located in a city not within a county;
- (2) One adult high school to be located in a county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than forty-one thousand but fewer than forty-five thousand inhabitants or a county contiguous to that county;
- (3) One adult high school to be located in a county of the first classification with more than two hundred sixty thousand but fewer than three hundred thousand inhabitants or a county contiguous to that county;
- (4) One adult high school to be located in a county of the first classification with more than one hundred fifty thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants; and
- (5) One adult high school to be located in a county with more than seven hundred thousand but fewer than eight hundred thousand inhabitants, or a contiguous county.

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

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

- (1) Demonstrate the ability to establish, within twenty-one months of the receipt of the authorization, an adult high school offering high school diplomas, an industry certification program or programs, and child care for children of the students attending the high schools;
- (2) Demonstrate the ability to commit at least five hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of establishing the necessary infrastructure at the adult high school;
- (3) Demonstrate substantial and positive experience in providing services, including industry certifications and job placement services, to adults [twenty-one] **eighteen** years of age or older whose educational and training opportunities have been limited by educational disadvantages, disabilities, homelessness, criminal history, or similar circumstances;
- (4) Establish a partnership with a state-supported postsecondary education institution or more than one such partnership, if a partnership or partnerships are necessary in order to meet the requirements for an adult high school;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Requirements for a high school diploma shall be based on an adult student's prior high school achievement and the remaining credits and coursework that would be necessary for the student to receive a high school diploma if such student were in a traditional high school setting. The adult student shall meet the requirements with the same level of academic rigor as would otherwise be necessary to attain such credits.

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

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

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

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

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

2. An adult high school shall give a preference in admission to those students who receive any local, state, or federal assistance in which a person or family is required not to exceed a certain income level in order to qualify for the assistance.

**3. For the purposes of compiling and tracking dropout rates of a local education agency by the department of elementary and secondary education, a student transferring from a local education agency to an adult high school shall be considered a transfer student and not a dropout student from the local education agency.**

**161.264. 1. Subject to appropriation, the department of elementary and secondary education shall establish a statewide program to be known as the "STEM Career Awareness Activity Program" to increase STEM career awareness among students in grades nine through twelve. For the purposes of this section, "STEM" means science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.**

**2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promote the statewide program beginning in the 2026-27 school year. The program shall introduce students in grades nine through twelve to a wide variety of STEM careers and technology through an activity program that involves participating in STEM-related activities at state, national, or international competitions.**

**3. (1) By January 1, 2026, the department of elementary and secondary education shall solicit proposals to provide the activity program. By March 1, 2026, the department of elementary and secondary education shall select a provider for the program.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 2 and 3 of this section to the contrary, the department of elementary and secondary education may choose a third-party nonprofit entity to**

implement the statewide program, solicit proposals, and select a provider as described under subsection 3 of this section.

5. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "STEM Career Awareness Activity Fund". The fund shall consist of any appropriations, gifts, bequests, or public or private donations to such fund. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements of public moneys in accordance with distribution requirements and procedures developed by the department of elementary and secondary education. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this section. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

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

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

#### HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 150, Page 18, Section 324.009, Line 95, by inserting after said section and line the following:

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

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

(2) "Clinical social work", the application of social work theory, knowledge, values, methods, principles, and techniques of case work, group work, client-centered advocacy, community organization, administration, planning, evaluation, consultation, research, psychotherapy and counseling methods and

techniques to persons, families and groups in assessment, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and amelioration of mental and emotional conditions;

(3) "Committee", the state committee for social workers established in section 337.622;

(4) "Department", the Missouri department of commerce and insurance;

(5) "Director", the director of the division of professional registration;

(6) "Division", the division of professional registration;

(7) "Independent practice", any practice of social workers outside of an organized setting such as a social, medical, or governmental agency in which a social worker assumes responsibility and accountability for services required;

(8) "Licensed advanced macro social worker", any person who offers to render services to individuals, groups, families, couples, organizations, institutions, communities, government agencies, corporations, or the general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced, and licensed as an advanced macro social worker, and who holds a current valid license to practice as an advanced macro social worker;

(9) "Licensed baccalaureate social worker", any person who offers to render services to individuals, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, government agencies, or the general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced, and licensed as a baccalaureate social worker, and who holds a current valid license to practice as a baccalaureate social worker;

(10) "Licensed clinical social worker", any person who offers to render services to individuals, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, government agencies, or the general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced, and licensed as a clinical social worker, and who holds a current, valid license to practice as a clinical social worker;

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

(12) "Master social work", the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, and ethics and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, communities, institutions, government agencies, or corporations. The practice includes the applications of specialized knowledge and advanced practice skills in the areas of assessment, treatment planning, implementation and evaluation, case management, mediation, information and referral, counseling, client education, supervision, consultation, education, research, advocacy, community organization and development, planning, evaluation, implementation and administration of policies, programs, and activities. Under supervision as provided in this section, the practice of master social work may include the practices reserved to clinical social workers or advanced



macro social workers for no more than forty-eight consecutive calendar months for the purpose of obtaining licensure under section 337.615 or 337.645;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) 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;**

(b) **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;**

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

[(c)] **(d)** A current social worker license as set forth 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;
- (2) "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, National Guard, and any other military branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and auxiliaries. The term "military" also includes the military reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;
- (3) "Nonresident military spouse", a nonresident spouse of an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the state of Missouri, or who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to an adjacent state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri, or has moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-of-station basis;
- (4) "Oversight body", any board, department, agency, or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses;
- (5) "Resident military spouse", a spouse of an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the state of Missouri or an adjacent state and who is a permanent resident of the state of Missouri, who is domiciled in the state of Missouri, or who has Missouri as his or her home of record.

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

(1) The applicant has:

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

a. Accredited by the [council of social work education] **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;**  
or

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The committee shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) The form and content of license applications required by the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and section 324.009 and the procedures for filing an application for an initial or renewal license in this state;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

337.644. 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;

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

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

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

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

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

(1) The applicant has:

**(a) A master's degree in social work from a social work degree 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;**

or

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. The committee shall issue a license to each person who files an application and fee as required by the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and who furnishes evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant has complied with the provisions of subsection 2 of this section. The license shall refer to the individual as a licensed master social worker and shall recognize that individual's right to practice licensed master social work as defined in section 337.600.

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

(2) The committee shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) The applicant has:

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

a. Accredited by the [council of social work education] **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;**  
or

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

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

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

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

2. Any person holding a current license, certificate of registration, or permit from another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia to practice advanced macro social work who has had no disciplinary action taken against the license, certificate of registration, or permit for the preceding



five years may be granted a license to practice advanced macro social work in this state if the person meets one of the following criteria:

(1) Has:

(a) Received:

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

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

(ii) **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;**  
or

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

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

(2) Is currently licensed or certified as an advanced macro social worker in another state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia having substantially the same requirements as this state for advanced macro social workers.

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

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

#### HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 3

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 150, Pages 13-14, Section 178.786, Lines 19-41, by deleting all of the said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**"4. (1) The coordinating board, with the assistance of an advisory committee composed of an equal number of representatives from each public community college in this state and each public four-year institution of higher education in this state, shall approve a sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block and a common course numbering equivalency matrix for the following degree programs:**

(a) **General business;**

(b) **Elementary education and teaching;**

(c) **General psychology;**

(d) **Nursing; and**

(e) **General biology or biological science, or both.**

**(2) Such sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block shall facilitate the transfer of courses that are part of such program among public institutions of higher education in this state by promoting consistency in course designation and course identification.**

**(3) Each public community college and public four-year institution of higher education in this state offering the degree programs described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall include in its programs of study the common course numbering equivalency matrix approved by the coordinating board under this subsection.**

**(4) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or section 178.787 to the contrary, the advisory committee may, upon a unanimous vote, approve a number of credit hours that differs from the sixty-credit-hour requirement for the transferable, lower-division course equivalency block and common course numbering equivalency matrix for the degree programs listed in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.**

**5. The coordinating board shall complete the requirements of subsection 4 of this section before June 30, 2027, for implementation of the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block for the degree programs described in subdivision (1) of subsection 4 of this section for the 2028-29 academic year for all public institutions of higher education in this state."; and**

Further amend said bill, Pages 14-15, Section 178.787, Lines 18 to 48, by deleting all of the said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**"4. Each community college in this state, as defined in section 163.191, and public four-year institution of higher education in this state shall adopt the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block and common course numbering equivalency matrix for the degree programs described in subdivision (1) of subsection 4 of section 178.786, including specific courses constituting the block, based on the core outcome recommendations made by the coordinating board for higher education under subsection 4 of section 178.786, for implementation beginning in the 2028-29 academic year. No institution of higher education in this state shall be required to adopt the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block for degree programs not offered at the institution.**

**5. If a student successfully completes the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division courses at a community college or other public institution of higher education in this state, such block of courses may be transferred to any other public institution of higher education in this state and shall be substituted for the receiving institution's lower-division block for the same degree program. A student shall receive academic credit toward the student's degree for each of the courses transferred and shall not be required to take additional equivalent courses at the receiving institution for the same degree program.**

**6. A student who transfers from one public institution of higher education in this state to another public institution of higher education in this state without completing the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block of the sending institution shall receive academic credit toward the same degree program from the receiving institution for each of the courses that the student has successfully completed in the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block of the sending institution. Following receipt of credit for such**

**courses, the student may be required to satisfy further course requirements in the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block of the receiving institution.**

**7. The coordinating board shall report to the house higher education committee and the senate education committee on progress related to the requirements of subsections 4 and 5 of section 178.786 and subsections 4, 5, and 6 of this section before December 31, 2026."; and**

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

#### HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 4

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 150, Page 18, Section 324.009, Line 95, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

"333.041. 1. [Each applicant for a license to practice funeral directing shall furnish evidence to establish to the satisfaction of the board that he or she is at least eighteen years of age, and possesses a high school diploma, a general equivalency diploma, or equivalent thereof, as determined, at its discretion, by the board.

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

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

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

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

(3) Upon due examination administered by the board, is possessed of a knowledge of the subjects of embalming, anatomy, pathology, bacteriology, mortuary administration, chemistry, restorative art,

together with statutes, rules and regulations governing the care, custody, shelter and disposition of dead human bodies and the transportation thereof or has passed the national board examination of the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards. If any applicant fails to pass the state examination, he or she may retake the examination at the next regular examination meeting. The applicant shall notify the board office of his or her desire to retake the examination at least thirty days prior to the date of the examination. Each time the examination is retaken, the applicant shall pay a new examination fee in an amount established by the board;

(4) Has been employed full time in funeral service in a licensed funeral establishment and has personally embalmed at least twenty-five dead human bodies under the personal supervision of an embalmer who holds a current and valid Missouri embalmer's license during an apprenticeship of not less than twelve consecutive months. "Personal supervision" means that the licensed embalmer shall be physically present during the entire embalming process in the first six months of the apprenticeship period and physically present at the beginning of the embalming process and available for consultation and personal inspection within a period of not more than one hour in the remaining six months of the apprenticeship period. All transcripts and other records filed with the board shall become a part of the board files.

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

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

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

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

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

**(5) Has been employed in a qualifying embalmer's apprentice program as defined by the board for no less than six months and has personally embalmed at least twenty-five dead human bodies under the supervision of an embalmer who is licensed under this chapter. The first twelve of the embalmings shall be conducted under the direct supervision of the licensed embalmer. For purposes of this subdivision, a "qualifying embalmer's apprentice program" is a program in which the apprentice completed the minimum number of hours required by the board and, as attested to by the supervising licensed embalmer, obtained the minimal required skills to practice embalming. For purposes of this subdivision, "direct supervision" shall mean supervision in which the licensed embalmer is physically present with the apprentice embalmer and the dead human body at the beginning of the embalming process and available for consultation within one hour for the**

remainder of the embalming process. The licensed embalmer shall inspect all bodies embalmed by the apprentice embalmer.

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

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

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

6. Upon establishment of his or her qualifications as specified by this section or section 333.042, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice funeral directing or embalming, as the case may require, and shall register the applicant as a duly licensed funeral director or a duly licensed embalmer.] Any person having the qualifications required by this section and section 333.042 may be granted both a license to practice funeral directing and to practice embalming.

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

333.042. 1. [Every person desiring to enter the profession of funeral directing in this state shall make application with the state board of embalmers and funeral directors and pay the current application and examination fees. Except as otherwise provided in section 41.950, applicants not entitled to a license pursuant to section 333.051 or 324.009 shall serve an apprenticeship for at least twelve consecutive months in a funeral establishment licensed for the care and preparation for burial and transportation of the human dead in this state or in another state which has established standards for admission to practice funeral directing equal to, or more stringent than, the requirements for admission to practice funeral directing in this state. The applicant shall devote at least fifteen hours per week to his or her duties as an apprentice under the supervision of a Missouri licensed funeral director. Such applicant shall submit proof to the board, on forms provided by the board, that the applicant has arranged and conducted ten funeral services during the applicant's apprenticeship under the supervision of a Missouri licensed funeral director. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, the applicant shall appear before the board to be tested on the applicant's legal and practical knowledge of funeral directing, funeral home licensing, preneed funeral contracts and the care, custody, shelter, disposition and transportation of dead human bodies. Upon acceptance of the application and fees by the board, an applicant shall have twenty-four months to successfully complete the requirements for licensure found in this section or the application for licensure shall be cancelled.

2. If a person applies for a limited license to work only in a funeral establishment which is licensed only for cremation, including transportation of dead human bodies to and from the funeral establishment,

he or she shall make application, pay the current application and examination fee and successfully complete the Missouri law examination. He or she shall be exempt from the twelve-month apprenticeship required by subsection 1 of this section and the practical examination before the board. If a person has a limited license issued pursuant to this subsection, he or she may obtain a full funeral director's license if he or she fulfills the apprenticeship and successfully completes the funeral director practical examination.

3. If an individual is a Missouri licensed embalmer or has completed a program accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education, any successor organization, or other accrediting entity as approved by the board or has successfully completed a course of study in funeral directing offered by an institution accredited by a recognized national, regional or state accrediting body and approved by the state board of embalmers and funeral directors, and desires to enter the profession of funeral directing in this state, the individual shall comply with all the requirements for licensure as a funeral director pursuant to subsection 1 of section 333.041 and subsection 1 of this section; however, the individual is exempt from the twelve-month apprenticeship required by subsection 1 of this section.] **Except as otherwise provided in this section, an applicant for a funeral director license not entitled to a license under section 333.051 or 324.009 shall make application for an initial license to practice funeral directing and shall furnish evidence to establish to the satisfaction of the board that he or she:**

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

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

**(3) Has either:**

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

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

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

**(i) Completed a twelve-month qualifying funeral director apprentice program as determined by the board during which the applicant arranged and conducted ten funeral services. Such program shall be under the personal supervision of a funeral director licensed under this chapter and in a Missouri funeral establishment licensed for the care and preparation for burial and transportation of the human dead in this state; and**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(1) "Personal supervision", supervision in which the licensed funeral director shall be physically present during any arrangement conferences and present for the first five funeral services conducted by the apprentice. The supervising licensed funeral director shall not be required to be present when the apprentice performs any other functions relating to the practice of funeral directing but shall be available within one hour for consultation;**

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

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

## HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 7

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 150, Page 13, Section 174.160, Line 24, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

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

2. As of July 1, 2008, Missouri Southern State University shall discontinue any and all associate degree programs unless the continuation of such associate degree programs is approved by the coordinating board for higher education pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of section 173.005.

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

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

## HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 10

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 150, Page 1, Section 172.280, Line 8, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

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

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

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

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

(3) Require each proprietary school to file a security bond **with the board, through the state department of higher education and workforce development**, covering the school and its agents to indemnify any student, enrollee or parent, guardian, or sponsor of a student or enrollee who suffers loss or damage because of a violation of sections 173.600 to 173.618 by the school, or because a student is unable to complete [the] **a course or program** due to the school's ceasing operation or because a student



does not receive a refund to which [he] **such student** is entitled. **In the event a student, enrollee, or parent, guardian, or sponsor of a student or enrollee suffers loss or damage because of a violation of sections 173.600 to 173.618 by the school, or a student or enrollee is unable to complete a course or program due to the school ceasing operations, or because a student or enrollee does not receive a refund to which such student or enrollee is entitled, the school shall forfeit the entirety of the security bond to the department and the department shall use proceeds to indemnify students and enrollees and to secure and administer student and enrollee records as appropriate.** The bond or other security shall cover all the facilities and locations of a proprietary school and shall not be less than five thousand dollars or ten percent of the preceding year's gross tuition, whichever is greater, but in no case shall it exceed one hundred thousand dollars. The bond shall clearly state that the school and the agents of the school are covered by it. The board may authorize the use of certificates of deposit, letters of credit, or other assets to be posted as security in lieu of this surety bond requirement;

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

(5) Review proposals for new programs within ninety days from the date that a certified school submits a new program for review, and review proposals for revised programs within sixty days from the date that a certified school submits a revised program for review. If the department fails to review a proposal for a new or revised program within the prescribed time frame, the school shall be permitted to offer the program until the department completes its review and identifies a substantive issue or issues that need correction. In such case the department shall notify the school within an additional ninety days and the school shall then have ninety days from the date it is informed that a program offering has a deficiency to correct the deficiency without having to cease offering the program;

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

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

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

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

(1) A public institution;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Any school, training program, or course of instruction exempted herein may elect by majority action of its governing body or by action of its director to apply for approval of the school, training program, or course of instruction under the provisions of sections 173.600 to 173.618. Upon application to and approval by the coordinating board, such school, training program, or course of instruction may become exempt from the provisions of sections 173.600 to 173.618 at any subsequent time, except the board shall not approve an application for exemption if the approved school is then in any status of noncompliance with certification standards and a reversion to exempt status shall not relieve the school of any liability for indemnification or any penalty for noncompliance with certification standards during the period of the school's approved status."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO 1 TO  
HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 12

Amend House Amendment No. 12 to House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 150, Page 3, Line 35, by deleting said line and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"repayment program when federal and state funds are not available for such purpose.

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

(1) After inspection, to grant licenses to persons to operate child-care facilities if satisfied as to the good character and intent of the applicant and that such applicant is qualified and equipped to render care or service conducive to the welfare of children. Each license shall specify **the effective date and whether the license is temporary**, the kind of child-care services the licensee is authorized to perform, the number of children that can be received or maintained, and their ages ;

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

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

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

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

**2. (1) In addition to the powers and duties under subsection 1 of this section, the department of elementary and secondary education has the power and duty to grant a temporary child care license. The temporary child care license shall be granted to a child care provider who:**

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

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

**(c) Does not have a current letter of censure,**

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

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

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

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

**(c) City inspections;**

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

**(e) Required staff training and any ongoing required training.**

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

**(4) Temporary child care licenses shall be valid for a duration of no longer than twelve months from the date of issuance or until the department makes a final determination on full licensure.**

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

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

[3.] 4. The department shall deny, suspend, place on probation or revoke a license if it receives official written notice that the local governing body has found that license is prohibited by any local law related to the health and safety of children. The department may deny an application for a license if the department determines that a home or other place in which an applicant would operate a child-care facility is located within one thousand feet of any location where a person required to register under sections 589.400 to 589.425 either resides, as that term is defined in subsection 3 of section 566.147, or regularly receives treatment or services, excluding any treatment or services delivered in a hospital, as that term is defined in section 197.020, or in facilities owned or operated by a hospital system. The department may, after inspection, find the licensure, denial of licensure, suspension or revocation to be in the best interest of the state.

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

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

#### HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 12

Amend House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 150, Page 15, Section 178.787, Line 48, by inserting after said section and line the following:

"191.600. 1. Sections 191.600 to 191.615 establish a loan repayment program for graduates of [approved medical schools, schools of osteopathic medicine, schools of dentistry and accredited chiropractic colleges] **an accredited graduate training program in any discipline designated in rule by the department** who practice in areas of defined need [and shall be known as the "Health Professional Student Loan Repayment Program". Sections 191.600 to 191.615 shall apply to graduates of accredited chiropractic colleges when federal guidelines for chiropractic shortage areas are developed], **to be known as the "Missouri State Loan Repayment Program (MOSLRP)". In designating disciplines, the department shall comply with limitations set forth in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, 42 U.S.C. Section 254I-1, and any related notices of funding opportunity.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2. Annually, at least thirty-five percent of the appropriated funds allocated for the Missouri state loan repayment program shall be designated for awards to primary care physicians and general dentists. Any unused portion of such designated funds shall be made available within the same fiscal year to the other types of health professions designated by the department under section 191.600.**

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

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

(2) Residence in the state of Missouri;

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

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

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

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

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

191.611. 1. A loan payment provided for an individual under a written contract under the [health professional student loan payment] **Missouri state loan repayment** program shall consist of payment on behalf of the individual of the principal, interest, and related expenses on government and commercial loans received by the individual for tuition, fees, books, laboratory, and living expenses incurred by the individual.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

In which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Also,

Madam President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed the following committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on **HCS** for **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 68**, as amended. Representatives: Allen, Lewis, Pollitt, Steinhoff, Boykin.

#### **PRIVILEGED MOTIONS**

Senator Gregory (15) moved that the Senate refuse to concur in **HCS** for **SS** for **SCS** for **SB 71**, as amended, and request the House to recede from its position or, failing to do so, grant the Senate a conference thereon, which motion prevailed.

Senator Hudson moved that the Senate refuse to concur in **HCS** for **SS** for **SB 160**, as amended, and request the House to recede from its position or, failing to do so, grant the Senate a conference thereon, which motion prevailed.

Senator Carter moved that the Senate refuse to concur in **HCS** for **SS** for **SB 150**, as amended, and request the House to recede from its position or, failing to do so, grant the Senate a conference thereon, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Senator Luetkemeyer, the Senate adjourned under the rules.



SENATE CALENDAR

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SIXTY-THIRD DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

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FORMAL CALENDAR

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SB 45-Fitzwater and Carter	SB 107-Brown (16) and Black, with SS (pending)
SB 46-Trent and Coleman	SB 185-Cierpiot
SBs 52 & 44-Schroer and Carter, with SCS,	SB 190-Brown (16) and Gregory (21),
SS for SCS & SA 3 (pending)	with SS & SA 2 (pending)
SB 54-Schroer, with SCS, SS for SCS & SA 3	SBs 215 & 70-Trent, with SCS
(pending)	SB 217-Black, with SCS
SB 58-Carter and Moon, with SCS	SB 223-Coleman
SB 62-Brown (26), with SCS	SB 225-Coleman
SB 69-Henderson, with SS, SA 1 &	SB 230-Brown (26)
SA 1 to SA 1 (pending)	SB 240-Burger, with SS & SA 1 (pending)
SB 77-Schnelting, et al, with SS, SA 1 &	SB 485-Schroer and Schnelting
SA 1 to SA 1 (pending)	SJR 62-Cierpiot

## HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

HB 68-Overcast (Trent)	HCS for HB 711, with SCS, SS for SCS &
HCS for HB 75, with SA 3 (pending) (Schnelting)	SA 3 (pending) (Trent)
HB 147-Hovis, with SCS, SS for SCS &	HB 742-Baker, with SCS, SS for SCS &
SA 6 (pending) (Black)	SA 1 (pending) (Brattin)
HB 233-Gallick, with SCS (pending) (Brattin)	HCS for HBs 799, 334, 424 & 1069,
HCS#2 for HBs 567, 546, 758 & 958,	with SCS (Fitzwater)
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SS for SCS for SB 68-Henderson, with HCS,	HCS for HB 2, with SS for SCS (Hough)
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	HCS for HB 4, with SCS (Hough)
	HCS for HB 5, with SCS (Hough)

HCS for HB 6, with SS for SCS (Hough)  
HCS for HB 7, with SS for SCS (Hough)  
HCS for HB 8, with SS for SCS (Hough)  
HCS for HB 9, with SS for SCS (Hough)  
HCS for HB 10, with SS for SCS (Hough)  
HCS for HB 11, with SS for SCS (Hough)

HCS for HB 12, with SS for SCS (Hough)  
HCS for HB 13, with SCS (Hough)  
HCS for HB 17, with SCS (Hough)  
HCS for HBs 595 & 343, with SS,  
as amended (Schroer)  
(House adopted CCR and passed CCS)

Requests to Recede or Grant Conference

SS for SB 7-Bernskoetter, with HCS,  
as amended  
(Senate requests House recede or grant  
conference)  
SS for SB 67-Henderson, with HCS,  
as amended (Senate requests House recede &  
take up and pass bill)  
SS for SCS for SB 71-Gregory (15),  
with HCS, as amended  
(Senate requests House recede or grant  
conference)

SS for SB 150-Carter, with HCS, as amended  
(Senate requests House recede or grant  
conference)  
SS for SB 160-Hudson, with HCS,  
as amended  
(Senate requests House recede or grant  
conference)

RESOLUTIONS

SR 18-May  
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