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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.

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

Section A. Sections 172.280, 173.1102, 173.1103, 173.1105, 173.1352, 174.160, 2 178.786, 178.787, and 324.009, RSMo, are repealed and eleven new sections enacted in lieu 3 thereof, to be known as sections 172.280, 173.685, 173.836, 173.1102, 173.1103, 173.1105, 4 173.1352, 174.160, 178.786, 178.787, and 324.009, to read as follows:

172.280. The curators shall have the authority to confer, by diploma, under their 2 common seal, on any person whom they may judge worthy thereof, such degrees as are 3 known to and usually granted by any college or university. The University of Missouri is the 4 state's only public research university [~~and the exclusive grantor of research doctorates~~]. As 5 such, [~~except as provided in section 175.040,~~] the University of Missouri shall be the only 6 state college or university that may offer **research doctorates**, doctor of philosophy degrees 7 or first-professional degrees, including dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, and 8 veterinary medicine, **except as provided in sections 174.160 and 175.040.**

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

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

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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

10 (3) "Department", the department of higher education and workforce
11 development;

12 (4) "Initial recipient", a student who qualifies for initial financial assistance
13 under section 173.1104, has received an award under the access Missouri financial
14 assistance program established in sections 173.1101 to 173.1107, and has not received a
15 STEM grant in any prior academic year;

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

20 (6) "Satisfactory academic progress":

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

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

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

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

32 (a) Agriculture and related sciences;

33 (b) Computer science;

34 (c) Information technology and information systems;

35 (d) STEM-related education;

36 (e) Engineering;

37 (f) Biological and biomedical sciences;

38 (g) Mathematics and statistics; and

39 (h) Physical sciences;

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

42 2. Subject to appropriation, the department shall make available a STEM grant
43 to a student of an approved institution who is an initial recipient or a renewal recipient

44 and who has committed to a program of study that will result in a STEM degree at an
45 approved institution as provided in this section. No student shall receive more than six
46 thousand dollars of STEM grants under this section.

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

49 (1) Maintains satisfactory academic progress;

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

52 (3) Has not exceeded five semesters at an approved two-year institution or a total
53 of ten semesters or fifteen quarters at an approved four-year institution or any
54 combination of approved institutions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

76 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section
77 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of
78 this section; and

79 **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year**
80 **immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this**
81 **section is sunset.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 **(4) "Eligible student", any student that meets the eligibility requirements for**
25 **reimbursement of tuition, books, and fees under the "A+ Schools Program" created in**
26 **section 160.545, or any student who has earned a career and technical education (CTE)**
27 **certificate pursuant to the provisions of section 170.029 and in accordance with criteria**
28 **outlined by the department of elementary and secondary education, provided that such**
29 **student has not received a reimbursement for tuition, books, or fees under section**
30 **160.545;**

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

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

- 39 **(a) Certified nurse assistant (CNA) programs;**
- 40 **(b) Certified medication technician (CMT) programs;**
- 41 **(c) Level 1 medication aide (L1MA) programs;**
- 42 **(d) Insulin administration programs;**
- 43 **(e) Emergency medical technician (EMT) programs;**
- 44 **(f) Advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT) programs;**
- 45 **(g) Paramedic programs as described in chapter 190; or**
- 46 **(h) Commercial driver's license (CDL) programs.**

47 **3. (1) Beginning in the 2026-27 academic year and for all subsequent academic**
48 **years, the department shall, by rule, establish a procedure for the reimbursement of the**
49 **costs of tuition, books, and fees from the career-tech certificate (CTC) program fund to**
50 **the approved institution at which an eligible student is enrolled in an eligible program of**
51 **study or a training program.**

52 **(2) No tuition reimbursements in excess of the tuition rate charged by a public**
53 **community college for coursework offered by a two-year private vocational or technical**
54 **school, approved virtual institution as defined under section 173.1102, or eligible**
55 **training provider within the service area of such college shall be reimbursed under this**
56 **section. This limitation shall not apply to a public vocational or technical school.**

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

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

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

69 **(b) The department shall:**

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

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

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

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

78 **(4) The reimbursements provided under this section to a two-year private**
79 **vocational or technical school, approved virtual institution as defined under section**
80 **173.1102, or eligible training provider shall not violate the provisions of Article IX,**
81 **Section 8, or Article I, Section 7, of the Constitution of Missouri or the First Amendment**
82 **to the Constitution of the United States.**

83 **4. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Career-Tech Certificate**
84 **(CTC) Program Fund", which shall consist of any moneys appropriated annually by the**
85 **general assembly, gifts, bequests, grants, public or private donations, or transfers. The**
86 **state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and**
87 **30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated**
88 **fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in this fund shall be used solely for**
89 **reimbursements as provided in this section.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

110 **7. The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the**
111 **implementation and administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that**
112 **term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this**
113 **section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the**
114 **provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter**
115 **536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly**
116 **pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul**
117 **a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority**
118 **and any rule proposed or adopted after the effective date of this act shall be invalid and**
119 **void.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (d) Meets the standards for accreditation as determined by either the Higher Learning
30 Commission, or if a public community college created under the provisions of sections
31 178.370 to 178.400 meets the standards established by the coordinating board for higher
32 education for such public community colleges, or by other accrediting bodies recognized by
33 the United States Department of Education or by utilizing accreditation standards applicable
34 to the institution as established by the coordinating board for higher education;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

60 (6) [~~"Expected family contribution", the amount of money a student and family~~
61 ~~should pay toward the cost of postsecondary education as calculated by the United States~~

62 ~~Department of Education and reported on the student aid report or the institutional student~~
63 ~~information record;~~

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

66 ~~[(8)]~~ (7) "Full-time student", an individual who is enrolled in and is carrying a
67 sufficient number of credit hours or their equivalent at an approved private, public, or virtual
68 institution to secure the degree or certificate toward which he or she is working in no more
69 than the number of semesters or their equivalent normally required by that institution in the
70 program in which the individual is enrolled. This definition shall be construed as the
71 successor to subdivision (7) of section 173.205 for purposes of eligibility requirements of
72 other financial assistance programs that refer to section 173.205;

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

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

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

11 2. The coordinating board shall determine eligibility for renewed assistance on the
12 basis of annual applications and annual evaluations of ~~[expected family contribution]~~ **student**
13 **aid index**. In awarding renewal grants, the coordinating board may increase or decrease the
14 amount of financial assistance to an applicant if such action is warranted by a change in the
15 financial condition of the applicant, the applicant's spouse or parents, or the availability of
16 funds for that year. As a condition to consideration for initial or renewed assistance, the
17 coordinating board may require the applicant, the applicant's spouse and parents to execute
18 forms of consent authorizing the director of revenue of Missouri to compare financial

19 information submitted by the applicant with the Missouri individual income tax returns of the
20 applicant, the applicant's spouse and parents for the taxable year immediately preceding the
21 year for which application is made, and to report any discrepancies to the coordinating board.

22 3. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Access Missouri Financial
23 Assistance Fund". The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may approve
24 disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180. Upon
25 appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely to provide financial assistance to
26 qualified applicants as provided by sections 173.1101 to 173.1107. Notwithstanding the
27 provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of
28 the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer
29 shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest
30 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
2 approved private, public, or virtual institution and who meets the other eligibility criteria shall
3 be eligible for financial assistance, with a minimum and maximum award amount as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 2. All students with [~~an expected family contribution~~] **a student aid index** of twelve
30 thousand dollars or less shall receive at least the minimum award amount for his or her
31 institution. Maximum award amounts for an eligible student with [~~an expected family~~
32 ~~contribution~~] **a student aid index** above seven thousand dollars shall be reduced by ten
33 percent of the maximum [~~expected family contribution~~] **student aid index** for his or her
34 increment group. Any award amount shall be reduced by the amount of a student's payment
35 from the A+ schools program or any successor program to it. For purposes of this subsection,
36 the term "increment group" shall mean a group organized by [~~expected family contribution~~]
37 **student aid index** in five hundred dollar increments into which all eligible students shall be
38 placed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 2. (1) Each institution shall adopt and implement a policy to grant undergraduate
10 course credit to entering freshman students for each advanced placement examination upon
11 which such student achieves a score of three or higher, **or each international baccalaureate**
12 **examination for an international baccalaureate diploma programme course upon which**
13 **such student achieves a score of 4 or higher**, for any similarly correlated course offered by
14 the institution at the time of such student's acceptance into the institution.

15 (2) In the policy, the institution shall:

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

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

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

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

26 (2) Any other academic requirement that the applicant would satisfy under the policy.

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

17 comprehensive review process when doing so would not unnecessarily duplicate an existing
18 program, collaboration is not feasible or a viable means of meeting the needs of students and
19 employers, and the institution has the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in
20 a high-quality manner.

21 **2. Notwithstanding sections 172.280 and 174.225, the board of governors of**
22 **Missouri State University shall have the power and authority to grant doctor of**
23 **philosophy degrees in disciplines other than engineering and to grant bachelor of**
24 **science degrees in veterinary technology.**

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

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

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

19 **4. (1) The coordinating board, with the assistance of an advisory committee**
20 **composed of representatives from each public community college in this state and each**
21 **public four-year institution of higher education in this state, shall approve a sixty-credit-**
22 **hour, transferable, lower-division course curriculum and a common course numbering**
23 **equivalency matrix for the following degree programs:**

- 24 (a) **General business;**
25 (b) **Elementary education and teaching;**
26 (c) **General psychology;**
27 (d) **Registered nursing; and**
28 (e) **General biology or biological science, or both.**

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

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

37 **5. The coordinating board shall complete the requirements of subsection 4 of this**
38 **section before June 30, 2027, for implementation of the sixty-credit-hour, transferable,**
39 **lower-division course curriculum for the degree programs described in subdivision (1)**
40 **of subsection 4 of this section for the 2027-28 academic year for all public institutions of**
41 **higher education in this state.**

178.787. 1. Each community college, as defined in section 163.191, and public four-
2 year institution of higher education shall adopt the forty-two credit hour block, including
3 specific courses comprising the curriculum, based on the core curriculum recommendations
4 made by the coordinating board for higher education under subsections 1 and 2 of section
5 178.786, for implementation beginning in the 2018-19 academic year.

6 2. If a student successfully completes the forty-two credit core curriculum at a
7 community college or other public institution of higher education, that block of courses may
8 be transferred to any other public institution of higher education in this state and shall be
9 substituted for the receiving institution's core curriculum. A student shall receive academic
10 credit for each of the courses transferred and shall not be required to take additional core
11 curriculum courses at the receiving institution.

12 3. A student who transfers from one public institution of higher education to another
13 public institution of higher education in the state without completing the core curriculum of
14 the sending institution shall receive academic credit from the receiving institution for each of
15 the courses that the student has successfully completed in the core curriculum of the sending
16 institution. Following receipt of credit for these courses, the student may be required to
17 satisfy further course requirements in the core curriculum of the receiving institution.

18 **4. Each community college in this state, as defined in section 163.191, and public**
19 **four-year institution of higher education in this state shall adopt the sixty-credit-hour,**
20 **transferable, lower-division course curriculum and common course numbering**
21 **equivalency matrix for the degree programs described in subdivision (1) of subsection**
22 **4 of section 178.786, including specific courses constituting the curriculum, based on the**
23 **core curriculum recommendations made by the coordinating board for higher**
24 **education under subsection 4 of section 178.786, for implementation beginning in the**

25 **2027-28 academic year. No institution of higher education in this state shall be required**
26 **to adopt the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course curriculum for degree**
27 **programs not offered at the institution.**

28 **5. If a student successfully completes the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-**
29 **division courses at a community college or other public institution of higher education in**
30 **this state, such block of courses may be transferred to any other public institution of**
31 **higher education in this state and shall be substituted for the receiving institution's core**
32 **curriculum for the same degree program. A student shall receive academic credit**
33 **toward the student's degree for each of the courses transferred and shall not be required**
34 **to take additional core curriculum courses at the receiving institution for the same**
35 **degree program.**

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

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

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

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

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

10 (3) "Missouri law enforcement officer", any person employed by or otherwise
11 serving in a position for the state or a local governmental entity as a police officer, peace
12 officer certified under chapter 590, auxiliary police officer, sheriff, sheriff's deputy,
13 member of the patrol as that term is defined in section 43.010, or in some like position

14 **involving the enforcement of the law and protection of the public interest at the risk of**
15 **that person's life and who is a permanent resident of the state of Missouri or who is**
16 **domiciled in the state of Missouri;**

17 **(4) "Nonresident military or law enforcement spouse"[]:**

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

23 **(b) A nonresident spouse of a person residing outside the state who has accepted**
24 **an offer of employment from the state or a local governmental entity in the state and**
25 **who will become a Missouri law enforcement officer upon the commencement of such**
26 **employment;**

27 ~~[(4)]~~ **(5) "Oversight body", any board, department, agency, or office of a jurisdiction**
28 **that issues licenses;**

29 ~~[(5)]~~ **(6) "Resident military or law enforcement spouse", a spouse of an active duty**
30 **member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to**
31 **be transferred to the state of Missouri or an adjacent state and who is a permanent resident of**
32 **the state of Missouri, who is domiciled in the state of Missouri, or who has Missouri as his or**
33 **her home of record or a spouse of a Missouri law enforcement officer.**

34 2. Any person who holds a valid current license issued by another state, a branch or
35 unit of the military, a territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and who has
36 been licensed for at least one year in such other jurisdiction, may submit an application for a
37 license in Missouri in the same occupation or profession, and at the same practice level, for
38 which he or she holds the current license, along with proof of current licensure and proof of
39 licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction, to the relevant oversight body in this
40 state.

41 3. The oversight body in this state shall:

42 (1) Within six months of receiving an application described in subsection 2 of this
43 section, waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for licensure in this
44 state for the applicant if it determines that there were minimum education requirements and, if
45 applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements in effect and the other state
46 verifies that the person met those requirements in order to be licensed or certified in that state.
47 An oversight body that administers an examination on laws of this state as part of its licensing
48 application requirement may require an applicant to take and pass an examination specific to
49 the laws of this state; or

50 (2) Within thirty days of receiving an application described in subsection 2 of this
51 section from a nonresident military **or law enforcement** spouse or a resident military **or law**
52 **enforcement** spouse, waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for
53 licensure in this state for the applicant and issue such applicant a license under this section if
54 such applicant otherwise meets the requirements of this section.

55 4. (1) The oversight body shall not waive any examination, educational, or
56 experience requirements for any applicant who has had his or her license revoked by an
57 oversight body outside the state; who is currently under investigation, who has a complaint
58 pending, or who is currently under disciplinary action, except as provided in subdivision (2)
59 of this subsection, with an oversight body outside the state; who does not hold a license in
60 good standing with an oversight body outside the state; who has a criminal record that would
61 disqualify him or her for licensure in Missouri; or who does not hold a valid current license in
62 the other jurisdiction on the date the oversight body receives his or her application under this
63 section.

64 (2) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against an applicant, the
65 oversight body shall determine if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter
66 resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that jurisdiction, the oversight body may
67 deny a license until the matter is resolved.

68 5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the oversight body from denying a license to
69 an applicant under this section for any reason described in any section associated with the
70 occupation or profession for which the applicant seeks a license.

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

74 7. This section shall not be construed to waive any requirement for an applicant to
75 pay any fees, post any bonds or surety bonds, or submit proof of insurance associated with the
76 license the applicant seeks.

77 8. This section shall not apply to business, professional, or occupational licenses
78 issued or required by political subdivisions.

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

81 10. ~~[The provisions of this section shall not apply to an oversight body that has~~
82 ~~entered into a licensing compact with another state for the regulation of practice under the~~
83 ~~oversight body's jurisdiction.]~~ The provisions of this section shall not be construed to alter
84 the authority granted by, or any requirements promulgated pursuant to, any interjurisdictional
85 or interstate compacts adopted by Missouri statute or any reciprocity agreements with other
86 states in effect ~~[on August 28, 2018]~~, and whenever possible this section shall be interpreted

87 so as to imply no conflict between it and any compact, or any reciprocity agreements with
88 other states in effect [~~on August 28, 2018~~].

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

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

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