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AN ACT

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

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

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6 are repealed and thirty-three new sections enacted in lieu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

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

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

112 (5) The department of elementary and secondary
113 education shall not create additional regulations or burdens
114 on the adult high school or the students attending the adult
115 high schools beyond certifying necessary credits and

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

44 proposals, and select a provider as described under
45 subsection 3 of this section.

46 5. There is hereby created in the state treasury the
47 "STEM Career Awareness Activity Fund". The fund shall
48 consist of any appropriations, gifts, bequests, or public or
49 private donations to such fund. The state treasurer shall
50 be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections
51 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve
52 disbursements of public moneys in accordance with
53 distribution requirements and procedures developed by the
54 department of elementary and secondary education. The fund
55 shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in
56 the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this
57 section. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the
58 fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any
59 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be
60 credited to the fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (3) Require each proprietary school to file a security
17 bond **with the board, through the state department of higher**
18 **education and workforce development**, covering the school and
19 its agents to indemnify any student, enrollee or parent,

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;

51 (5) Review proposals for new programs within ninety
52 days from the date that a certified school submits a new
53 program for review, and review proposals for revised
54 programs within sixty days from the date that a certified
55 school submits a revised program for review. If the
56 department fails to review a proposal for a new or revised
57 program within the prescribed time frame, the school shall
58 be permitted to offer the program until the department
59 completes its review and identifies a substantive issue or
60 issues that need correction. In such case the department
61 shall notify the school within an additional ninety days and
62 the school shall then have ninety days from the date it is
63 informed that a program offering has a deficiency to correct
64 the deficiency without having to cease offering the program;

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

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

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

173.616. 1. The following schools, training programs,
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]**

33 **that** provides instruction with no financial charge to its
34 students and at which no part of the instructional cost is
35 defrayed by or through programs of governmental student
36 financial aid, including grants and loans, provided directly
37 to or for individual students;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 (1) "Approved institution", any approved private
4 institution, approved public institution, or approved
5 virtual institution, as such terms are defined in section
6 173.1102, that is located in this state, has been approved

7 under 6 CSR 10-2.140, and has been approved to participate
8 in the federal student financial assistance programs created
9 under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as
10 amended;

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

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

17 (4) "Initial recipient", a student who qualifies for
18 initial financial assistance under section 173.1104, has
19 received an award under the access Missouri financial
20 assistance program established in sections 173.1101 to
21 173.1107, and has not received a STEM grant in any prior
22 academic year;

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

28 (6) "Satisfactory academic progress":

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

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

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

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

44 (a) Agriculture and related sciences;

45 (b) Computer science;

46 (c) Information technology and information systems;

47 (d) STEM-related education;

48 (e) Engineering;

49 (f) Biological and biomedical sciences;

50 (g) Mathematics and statistics; and

51 (h) Physical sciences;

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

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

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

64 (1) Maintains satisfactory academic progress;

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

68 (3) Has not exceeded five semesters at an approved two-
69 year institution or a total of ten semesters or fifteen

70 quarters at an approved four-year institution or any
71 combination of approved institutions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

100 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under
101 this section shall automatically sunset six years after the

effective date of this section unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and

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

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

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, or any student who has earned a career and technical education (CTE) certificate pursuant to the provisions of section 170.029 and in accordance with criteria outlined by the department of elementary and secondary education, 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;

- 56 (d) Insulin administration programs;
57 (e) Emergency medical technician (EMT) programs;
58 (f) Advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT)
59 programs;
60 (g) Paramedic programs as described in chapter 190; or
61 (h) Commercial driver's license (CDL) programs.

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

69 (2) No tuition reimbursements in excess of the tuition
70 rate charged by a public community college for coursework
71 offered by a two-year private vocational or technical
72 school, approved virtual institution as defined under
73 section 173.1102, or eligible training provider within the
74 service area of such college shall be reimbursed under this
75 section. This limitation shall not apply to a public
76 vocational or technical school.

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

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

92 b. The department authorizes such request.

93 (b) The department shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

120 The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation,
121 moneys in this fund shall be used solely for reimbursements
122 as provided in this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (c) Meets the standards for accreditation as
16 determined by either the Higher Learning Commission or by
17 other accrediting bodies recognized by the United States
18 Department of Education or by utilizing accreditation

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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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

33 made, and to report any discrepancies to the coordinating
34 board.

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

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

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

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

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

(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**

47 above seven thousand dollars shall be reduced by ten percent
48 of the maximum [expected family contribution] **student aid**
49 **index** for his or her increment group. Any award amount
50 shall be reduced by the amount of a student's payment from
51 the A+ schools program or any successor program to it. For
52 purposes of this subsection, the term "increment group"
53 shall mean a group organized by [expected family
54 contribution] **student aid index** in five hundred dollar
55 increments into which all eligible students shall be placed.

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

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

79 amount shall not become effective unless an increase in the
80 amount of money appropriated to the program necessary to
81 cover the increase in award amount is passed by the general
82 assembly.

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

29 the needs of students and employers, and the institution has
30 the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in
31 a high-quality manner.

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

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

17 2. As of July 1, 2008, Missouri Southern State
18 University shall discontinue any and all associate degree
19 programs unless the continuation of such associate degree
20 programs is approved by the coordinating board for higher
21 education pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of
22 section 173.005.

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

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

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

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

27 **4. The coordinating board, with the assistance of an**
28 **advisory committee composed of an equal number of**

representatives from each public community college in this state and each public four-year institution of higher education in this state, shall approve a separate sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block and a common course numbering equivalency matrix for each of the following degree program areas:

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

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

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

(3) Such public four-year institutions of higher education shall modify existing or may develop new bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree programs, with the first sixty hours aligning with an associate degree developed under subsection 4 of this section, and with the remaining credit hours determined by such institution's

61 faculty through standard procedures, pending institutional
62 and coordinating board approval.

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

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

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

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

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

the receiving institution's lower-division block for the corresponding 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. This subdivision shall not be applicable to institutions not offering a program identified in subdivisions (1) to (5) of subsection 4 of this section or to any other degree programs not specified in subdivisions (1) to (5) of subsection 4 of this section.

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

7. 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 corresponding 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. This subsection shall not be applicable to institutions not offering a program identified in subdivisions (1) to (5) of subsection 4 of

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

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

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

136 10. The coordinating board shall develop:

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

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

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

191.600. 1. Sections 191.600 to 191.615 establish a
2 loan repayment program for graduates of [approved medical
3 schools, schools of osteopathic medicine, schools of

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 2541-1, 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

9 contribute health care professional services to an area
10 suffering from the effects of a natural disaster;

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 **2. Annually, at least thirty-five percent of the**
15 **appropriated funds allocated for the Missouri state loan**
16 **repayment program shall be designated for awards to primary**
17 **care physicians and general dentists. Any unused portion of**
18 **such designated funds shall be made available within the**
19 **same fiscal year to the other types of health professions**
20 **designated by the department under section 191.600.**

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

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

8 (2) Residence in the state of Missouri;

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

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

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

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

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

191.611. 1. A loan payment provided for an individual 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.

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

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

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

72 (4) Temporary child care licenses shall be valid for a
73 duration of no longer than twelve months from the date of
74 issuance or until the department makes a final determination
75 on full licensure.

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

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

93 [3.] 4. The department shall deny, suspend, place on
94 probation or revoke a license if it receives official

95 written notice that the local governing body has found that
96 license is prohibited by any local law related to the health
97 and safety of children. The department may deny an
98 application for a license if the department determines that
99 a home or other place in which an applicant would operate a
100 child-care facility is located within one thousand feet of
101 any location where a person required to register under
102 sections 589.400 to 589.425 either resides, as that term is
103 defined in subsection 3 of section 566.147, or regularly
104 receives treatment or services, excluding any treatment or
105 services delivered in a hospital, as that term is defined in
106 section 197.020, or in facilities owned or operated by a
107 hospital system. The department may, after inspection, find
108 the licensure, denial of licensure, suspension or revocation
109 to be in the best interest of the state.

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

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

(1) "License", a license, certificate, registration, permit, accreditation, or military occupational speciality 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. Such term also includes the military reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;

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

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

(a) 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; **or**

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

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

[(5)] (6) "Resident military or law enforcement 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 or a spouse of a Missouri law enforcement officer.

2. Any person who holds a valid current 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 an application for a license in Missouri in the same occupation or profession, and at the same practice level, for which he or she holds the current license, along with proof of current licensure and proof of licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction, to the relevant oversight body in this state.

3. The oversight body in this state shall:

(1) Within six months of receiving an application described in subsection 2 of this section, 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

65 requirements in effect and the other state verifies that the
66 person met those requirements in order to be licensed or
67 certified in that state. An oversight body that administers
68 an examination on laws of this state as part of its
69 licensing application requirement may require an applicant
70 to take and pass an examination specific to the laws of this
71 state; or

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

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

93 (2) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary
94 action against an applicant, the oversight body shall
95 determine if the cause for the action was corrected and the
96 matter resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by

97 that jurisdiction, the oversight body may deny a license
98 until the matter is resolved.

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

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

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

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

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

119 10. [The provisions of this section shall not apply to
120 an oversight body that has entered into a licensing compact
121 with another state for the regulation of practice under the
122 oversight body's jurisdiction.] The provisions of this

123 section shall not be construed to alter the authority
124 granted by, or any requirements promulgated pursuant to, any
125 interjurisdictional or interstate compacts adopted by
126 Missouri statute or any reciprocity agreements with other
127 states in effect [on August 28, 2018], and whenever possible
128 this section shall be interpreted so as to imply no conflict

129 between it and any compact, or any reciprocity agreements
130 with other states in effect [on August 28, 2018].

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

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

333.041. 1. [Each applicant for a license to practice
2 funeral directing shall furnish evidence to establish to the
3 satisfaction of the board that he or she is at least
4 eighteen years of age, and possesses a high school diploma,
5 a general equivalency diploma, or equivalent thereof, as
6 determined, at its discretion, by the board.]

7 [2.] Every person desiring to enter the profession of
8 embalming dead human bodies within the state of Missouri and
9 who is enrolled in a program **of education** accredited by the
10 American Board of Funeral Service Education, any successor
11 organization, or other accrediting entity as approved by the
12 board shall register with the board as a practicum student
13 upon the form [provided] **approved** by the board. [After such
14 registration, a student may assist, under the direct
15 supervision of Missouri licensed embalmers and funeral
16 directors, in Missouri licensed funeral establishments,
17 while serving his or her practicum.] The form for
18 registration as a practicum student shall be accompanied by
19 a fee in an amount established by the board. **After a**

20 student's registration has been approved by the board, a
21 practicum student registrant may assist, under the direct
22 supervision of an embalmer licensed under this chapter, in
23 an establishment licensed under this chapter. Practicum
24 student registrants shall not assist when not under such
25 supervision. Each practicum student registrant is
26 authorized to work only at the location or locations
27 registered with the board and under only those supervisors
28 registered with the board.

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

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

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

47 (3) Upon due examination administered by the board, is
48 possessed of a knowledge of the subjects of embalming,
49 anatomy, pathology, bacteriology, mortuary administration,
50 chemistry, restorative art, together with statutes, rules
51 and regulations governing the care, custody, shelter and

52 disposition of dead human bodies and the transportation
53 thereof or has passed the national board examination of the
54 Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards. If any
55 applicant fails to pass the state examination, he or she may
56 retake the examination at the next regular examination
57 meeting. The applicant shall notify the board office of his
58 or her desire to retake the examination at least thirty days
59 prior to the date of the examination. Each time the
60 examination is retaken, the applicant shall pay a new
61 examination fee in an amount established by the board;

62 (4) Has been employed full time in funeral service in
63 a licensed funeral establishment and has personally embalmed
64 at least twenty-five dead human bodies under the personal
65 supervision of an embalmer who holds a current and valid
66 Missouri embalmer's license during an apprenticeship of not
67 less than twelve consecutive months. "Personal supervision"
68 means that the licensed embalmer shall be physically present
69 during the entire embalming process in the first six months
70 of the apprenticeship period and physically present at the
71 beginning of the embalming process and available for
72 consultation and personal inspection within a period of not
73 more than one hour in the remaining six months of the
74 apprenticeship period. All transcripts and other records
75 filed with the board shall become a part of the board files.]

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

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

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

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

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

95 (5) Has been employed in a qualifying embalmer's
96 apprentice program as defined by the board for no less than
97 six months and has personally embalmed at least twenty-five
98 dead human bodies under the supervision of an embalmer who
99 is licensed under this chapter. The first twelve of the
100 embalmings shall be conducted under the direct supervision
101 of the licensed embalmer. For purposes of this subdivision,
102 a "qualifying embalmer's apprentice program" is a program in
103 which the apprentice completed the minimum number of hours
104 required by the board and, as attested to by the supervising
105 licensed embalmer, obtained the minimal required skills to
106 practice embalming. For purposes of this subdivision,
107 "direct supervision" shall mean supervision in which the
108 licensed embalmer is physically present with the apprentice
109 embalmer and the dead human body at the beginning of the
110 embalming process and available for consultation within one
111 hour for the remainder of the embalming process. The
112 licensed embalmer shall inspect all bodies embalmed by the
113 apprentice embalmer.

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

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

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

131 6. Upon establishment of his or her qualifications as
132 specified by this section or section 333.042, the board
133 shall issue to the applicant a license to practice funeral
134 directing or embalming, as the case may require, and shall
135 register the applicant as a duly licensed funeral director
136 or a duly licensed embalmer.] Any person having the
137 qualifications required by this section and section 333.042
138 may be granted both a license to practice funeral directing
139 and to practice embalming.

140 [7. The board shall, upon request, waive any
141 requirement of this chapter and issue a temporary funeral
142 director's license, valid for six months, to the surviving
143 spouse or next of kin or the personal representative of a
144 licensed funeral director, or to the spouse, next of kin,

145 employee or conservator of a licensed funeral director
146 disabled because of sickness, mental incapacity or injury.】

333.042. 1. 【Every person desiring to enter the
2 profession of funeral directing in this state shall make
3 application with the state board of embalmers and funeral
4 directors and pay the current application and examination
5 fees. Except as otherwise provided in section 41.950,
6 applicants not entitled to a license pursuant to section
7 333.051 or 324.009 shall serve an apprenticeship for at
8 least twelve consecutive months in a funeral establishment
9 licensed for the care and preparation for burial and
10 transportation of the human dead in this state or in another
11 state which has established standards for admission to
12 practice funeral directing equal to, or more stringent than,
13 the requirements for admission to practice funeral directing
14 in this state. The applicant shall devote at least fifteen
15 hours per week to his or her duties as an apprentice under
16 the supervision of a Missouri licensed funeral director.
17 Such applicant shall submit proof to the board, on forms
18 provided by the board, that the applicant has arranged and
19 conducted ten funeral services during the applicant's
20 apprenticeship under the supervision of a Missouri licensed
21 funeral director. Upon completion of the apprenticeship,
22 the applicant shall appear before the board to be tested on
23 the applicant's legal and practical knowledge of funeral
24 directing, funeral home licensing, preneed funeral contracts
25 and the care, custody, shelter, disposition and
26 transportation of dead human bodies. Upon acceptance of the
27 application and fees by the board, an applicant shall have
28 twenty-four months to successfully complete the requirements
29 for licensure found in this section or the application for
30 licensure shall be cancelled.

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

44 3. If an individual is a Missouri licensed embalmer or
45 has completed a program accredited by the American Board of
46 Funeral Service Education, any successor organization, or
47 other accrediting entity as approved by the board or has
48 successfully completed a course of study in funeral
49 directing offered by an institution accredited by a
50 recognized national, regional or state accrediting body and
51 approved by the state board of embalmers and funeral
52 directors, and desires to enter the profession of funeral
53 directing in this state, the individual shall comply with
54 all the requirements for licensure as a funeral director
55 pursuant to subsection 1 of section 333.041 and subsection 1
56 of this section; however, the individual is exempt from the
57 twelve-month apprenticeship required by subsection 1 of this
58 section.] **Except as otherwise provided in this section, an**
59 **applicant for a funeral director license not entitled to a**
60 **license under section 333.051 or 324.009 shall make**
61 **application for an initial license to practice funeral**

62 directing and shall furnish evidence to establish to the
63 satisfaction of the board that he or she:

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

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

68 (3) Has either:

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

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

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

84 (i) Completed a twelve-month qualifying funeral
85 director apprentice program as determined by the board
86 during which the applicant arranged and conducted ten
87 funeral services. Such program shall be under the personal
88 supervision of a funeral director licensed under this
89 chapter and in a Missouri funeral establishment licensed for
90 the care and preparation for burial and transportation of
91 the human dead in this state; and

92 (ii) Received passing scores on the National Board
93 Examination-Arts and the Missouri law examination. The

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

126 eighteen years of age or older and shall make application
127 with the board, pay applicable fees, and successfully
128 complete the Missouri law examination. Completion of a
129 qualifying funeral director apprentice program shall not be
130 required to obtain a limited funeral director license.

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

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

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

153 (2) "Qualifying funeral director apprentice program",
154 a program that meets the minimum hour requirements for
155 funeral directing tasks as set by the board and in which the
156 supervising funeral director has attested that the

157 **apprentice has obtained the minimal required skills to**
158 **practice funeral directing.**

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

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

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

28 (3) "Committee", the state committee for social
29 workers established in section 337.622;

30 (4) "Department", the Missouri department of commerce
31 and insurance;

32 (5) "Director", the director of the division of
33 professional registration;

34 (6) "Division", the division of professional
35 registration;

36 (7) "Independent practice", any practice of social
37 workers outside of an organized setting such as a social,
38 medical, or governmental agency in which a social worker
39 assumes responsibility and accountability for services
40 required;

41 (8) "Licensed advanced macro social worker", any
42 person who offers to render services to individuals, groups,
43 families, couples, organizations, institutions, communities,
44 government agencies, corporations, or the general public for
45 a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is
46 trained, experienced, and licensed as an advanced macro
47 social worker, and who holds a current valid license to
48 practice as an advanced macro social worker;

49 (9) "Licensed baccalaureate social worker", any person
50 who offers to render services to individuals, groups,
51 organizations, institutions, corporations, government
52 agencies, or the general public for a fee, monetary or
53 otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced,
54 and licensed as a baccalaureate social worker, and who holds
55 a current valid license to practice as a baccalaureate
56 social worker;

57 (10) "Licensed clinical social worker", any person who
58 offers to render services to individuals, groups,
59 organizations, institutions, corporations, government
60 agencies, or the general public for a fee, monetary or
61 otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

187 **(c)** Received a doctorate or Ph.D. in social work; or
188 **[(c)] (d)** A current social worker license as set forth
189 in sections 337.600 to 337.689.

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

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

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

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

11 **(b) Recognized and approved by the committee in**
12 **accordance with rules adopted by the committee under section**
13 **337.627 and in accordance with the procedure set forth in**
14 **section 337.628;**

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

16 **[(3)] (4)** A current social worker license as set forth
17 in sections 337.600 to 337.689.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (1) The applicant has:

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

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

38 **b.** **Recognized and approved by the committee in**
39 **accordance with rules adopted by the committee under section**
40 **337.627 and in accordance with the procedure set forth in**
41 **section 337.628; or**

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

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

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

62 (4) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age,
63 is a United States citizen or has status as a legal resident
64 alien, and has not been finally adjudicated and found
65 guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a

66 criminal prosecution under the laws of any state, of the
67 United States, or of any country, for any offense directly
68 related to the duties and responsibilities of the
69 occupation, as set forth in section 324.012, regardless of
70 whether or not sentence has been imposed.

71 3. (1) Any person who holds a valid current clinical
72 social work license issued by another state, a branch or
73 unit of the military, a territory of the United States, or
74 the District of Columbia, and who has been licensed for at
75 least one year in such other jurisdiction, may submit to the
76 committee an application for a clinical social work license
77 in Missouri along with proof of current licensure and proof
78 of licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction.

79 (2) The committee shall:

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

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

97 such applicant otherwise meets the requirements of this
98 subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 (1) The form and content of license applications
4 required by the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689
5 and section 324.009 and the procedures for filing an
6 application for an initial or renewal license in this state;

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

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

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

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

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

25 (7) Establishment of a policy and procedure for
26 reciprocity with states which do not have clinical, master,

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

8 **committee for recognition and approval, and the committee**
9 **shall review each application on an individualized basis to**
10 **determine whether the program qualifies for recognition and**
11 **approval.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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;

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

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

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

70 4. The committee shall issue a license to each person
71 who files an application and fee as required by the
72 provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and who furnishes
73 evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant
74 has complied with the provisions of subsection 2 of this
75 section. The license shall refer to the individual as a
76 licensed master social worker and shall recognize that
77 individual's right to practice licensed master social work
78 as defined in section 337.600.

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

87 (2) The committee shall:

88 (a) Within six months of receiving an application
89 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, waive any
90 examination, educational, or experience requirements for
91 licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines

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

21 of supervised advanced macro experience with a qualified
22 advanced macro supervisor, as defined in section 337.600,
23 within the same time frame prescribed in this subsection,
24 the applicant shall be eligible for application of licensure
25 at three thousand hours and shall be furnished a certificate
26 by the state committee for social workers acknowledging the
27 completion of said additional hours;

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

32 (4) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age,
33 is a United States citizen or has status as a legal resident
34 alien, and has not been finally adjudicated and found
35 guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a
36 criminal prosecution under the laws of any state, of the
37 United States, or of any country, for any offense directly
38 related to the duties and responsibilities of the
39 occupation, as set forth in section 324.012, regardless of
40 whether or not sentence is imposed.

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

49 (1) Has:

50 (a) Received:

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

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

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

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

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

64 (2) Is currently licensed or certified as an advanced
65 macro social worker in another state, territory of the
66 United States, or the District of Columbia having
67 substantially the same requirements as this state for
68 advanced macro social workers.

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

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