

SENATE BILL NO. 1130

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CARTER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to foreign workers at state colleges and universities.

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

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 173.460, to read as
3 follows:

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

3 (1) "H-1B visa", the nonimmigrant classification
4 authorized under 8 U.S.C. Section 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b),
5 based on a petition approved by the United States
6 Citizenship and Immigration Services, that permits an
7 employer to temporarily employ foreign workers in specialty
8 occupations requiring theoretical or technical expertise in
9 specialized fields such as information technology,
10 engineering, or finance, subject to statutory caps, labor
11 condition application requirements, and a maximum duration
12 of generally six years, including extensions;

13 (2) "State college or university", any public
14 community college, public college, or public university
15 located in the state of Missouri.

16 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
17 contrary, a state college or university shall not:

18 (1) Employ any individual who possesses an H-1B visa;
19 or

20 (2) Enter into a contract with, or otherwise engage
21 the services of, any contractor that is owned by an
22 individual who possesses an H-1B visa or that employs an
23 individual who possesses an H-1B visa.

24 3. The department of higher education and workforce
25 development may promulgate rules to implement the provisions
26 of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that
27 term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under
28 the authority delegated in this section shall become
29 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of
30 the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
31 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
32 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
33 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
34 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
35 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
36 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
37 2026, shall be invalid and void.

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