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# SENATE BILL NO. 1155

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR NURRENBERN.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to accommodations for students with disabilities at public institutions of higher education.

*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 173.2000, to read as  
3 follows:

173.2000. 1. This section shall be known and may be  
2 cited as the "Missouri Respond, Innovate, Succeed, and  
3 Empower (RISE) Act".

4 2. Each public institution of higher education shall  
5 adopt a policy that makes any of the following documentation  
6 submitted by an enrolled or admitted student sufficient to  
7 establish that the student is an individual with a  
8 disability for purposes of determining such student's  
9 eligibility for disability accommodations at such  
10 institution:

11 (1) Documentation that the individual has had an  
12 Individualized Education Program (IEP) in accordance with  
13 the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20  
14 U.S.C. Section 1400, et seq., as amended, and that such IEP  
15 represents an ongoing need for disability accommodations  
16 that has not ended;

17           (2) Documentation that the individual has received  
18 services or accommodations pursuant to Section 504 of the  
19 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Section 794, as  
20 amended, and that such services or accommodations represent  
21 an ongoing need for disability accommodations that has not  
22 ended;

23           (3) Documentation of a plan or record of service for  
24 the individual from a private school, a local education  
25 agency, a state educational agency, or an institution of  
26 higher education provided in accordance with the Americans  
27 with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101, et  
28 seq., as amended;

29           (4) A record or evaluation from a relevant licensed  
30 professional acting within the scope of practice for which  
31 such professional is licensed finding that the individual  
32 has a disability;

33           (5) A plan or record of a disability from another  
34 institution of higher education; or

35           (6) Documentation of a disability due to military  
36 service in the uniformed services.

37           3. A public institution of higher education may  
38 establish less burdensome criteria than the criteria  
39 prescribed in subsection 2 of this section to establish that  
40 a student is an individual with a disability.

41           4. The policy adopted pursuant to this section shall  
42 be transparent and explicit regarding information about the  
43 process by which the public institution of higher education  
44 shall determine the eligibility for accommodations for an  
45 individual with a disability. Each public institution of  
46 higher education shall disseminate such information to  
47 students, parents, and faculty in accessible formats,  
48 including during any student orientation, and shall make the

49 information readily available on a public website of the  
50 institution.

51         5. The coordinating board for higher education may  
52 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this  
53 section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is  
54 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the  
55 authority delegated in this section shall become effective  
56 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the  
57 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section  
58 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and  
59 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
60 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective  
61 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently  
62 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
63 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,  
64 2026, shall be invalid and void.

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