

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 1611

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WASHINGTON.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to urban farming apprenticeships.

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*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 173.2559, to read as  
3 follows:

173.2559. 1. This section shall be known and may be  
2 cited as the "Missouri Urban and Local Food Systems  
3 Apprenticeship Act".

4 2. As used in this section, unless the context clearly  
5 indicates otherwise, the following terms mean:

6 (1) "Apiary apprenticeship program", a registered  
7 apprenticeship program, approved by the United States  
8 Department of Labor or the Missouri office of workforce  
9 development within the department, that provides on-the-job  
10 learning and related technical instruction necessary to  
11 become a skilled beekeeper, apiarist, or commercial honey  
12 producer;

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

15 (3) "Eligible apprenticeship", an apiary  
16 apprenticeship program or an urban farming apprenticeship  
17 program;

18 (4) "Registered apprenticeship program", a program  
19 that meets the federal guidelines set forth in 29 CFR Part  
20 29 and 29 U.S.C. Section 50;

30           3. The department, in consultation with the department  
31        of agriculture, shall promote the development and  
32        registration of eligible apprenticeships by:

33 (1) Establishing model standards and curriculum  
34 guidelines for both urban farming apprenticeship programs  
35 and apiary apprenticeship programs to accelerate their  
36 approval;

42 (3) Working with the coordinating board for higher  
43 education to ensure that related technical instruction for  
44 eligible apprenticeships is available through community  
45 colleges and other approved training providers in urban and  
46 peri-urban areas.

47           4. The department shall allocate a portion of state  
48 funds designated for apprenticeship expansion to registered

49 apprenticeship programs that offer eligible apprenticeships.

50 Priority for such funds shall be given to:

51 (1) New or expanding programs located within a  
52 metropolitan statistical area of the state;

53 (2) Programs that partner with local food banks,  
54 veteran organizations, or entities dedicated to increasing  
55 local food access in underserved communities; and

56 (3) Programs that are led by or specifically serve  
57 minority and historically underserved farming populations.

58 5. The department shall annually report to the general  
59 assembly on the progress of the Missouri urban and local  
60 food systems apprenticeship act, including the number of  
61 registered eligible apprenticeships, the number of  
62 apprentices enrolled, and the number of credentials issued.

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