

SENATE BILL NO. 1617

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BRATTIN.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to accountability for low-earning outcome degrees in 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 173.031, to read as
3 follows:

173.031. 1. This section shall be known and may be
2 cited as the "Accountability for Low-Earning Outcome Degrees
3 in Higher Education Act of 2026".

4 2. The coordinating board for higher education shall:

5 (1) Adopt rules to prohibit state funds from being
6 allocated or expended, either directly or indirectly, for
7 academic degree programs that satisfy the definition of a
8 low-earning outcome program under Section 84001 of Pub. L.
9 119-21. These restrictions shall include, but are not
10 limited to, the following categories of higher education
11 funding:

12 (a) Individual student financial aid;

13 (b) Base operational or instructional funding;

14 (c) Separately or specially appropriated aid or
15 grants; and

16 (d) Capital or facilities funding;

17 (2) Annually review updated federal determinations of
18 low-earning outcome programs under Section 84001 of Pub. L.
19 119-21 and adopt rules in accordance with subdivision (1) of
20 this subsection; and

21 (3) Submit an annual and publicly available report to
22 the general assembly documenting:

23 (a) Programs prohibited from receiving state aid under
24 this section;

25 (b) Enforcement of such prohibitions; and

26 (c) The estimated fiscal impact due to the
27 prohibitions.

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