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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 173.215, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to applicants for higher education financial assistance.

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

Section A. Section 173.215, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 173.215, to read as follows:

173.215. 1. An applicant shall be eligible for initial or renewed financial assistance only if, at the time of his application and throughout the period during which he is receiving such assistance, he

(1) Is a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States;

(2) Is a resident of the state of Missouri, as determined by reference to standards promulgated by the coordinating board;

(3) Is enrolled, or has been accepted for enrollment, as a full-time undergraduate student in an approved private or public institution;

(4) Establishes that he has financial need;

(5) Has never been convicted in any court of an offense which involved the use of force, disruption or seizure of property under the control of any institution of higher education to prevent officials or students in such institutions from engaging in their duties or pursuing their studies; and

(6) No award shall be made under sections 173.200 to 173.230 to any applicant who is enrolled, or who intends to use the award to enroll, in a course of study leading to a degree in theology or divinity. **The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the Missouri college guarantee program, the Charles Gallagher Student Financial Assistance program, the Bright Flight Scholarship program, the Marguerite Ross Barnett Memorial**

19 **Scholarship program, the Public Service Officer or Employee's Child Survivor Grant**
20 **program, the Vietnam Veteran's Survivor Grant program, and the Missouri College**
21 **Guarantee PLUS program.**

22 2. Financial assistance shall be allotted for one academic year, but a recipient shall be
23 eligible for renewed assistance until he has obtained a baccalaureate degree, provided such
24 financial assistance shall not exceed a total of ten semesters or fifteen quarters or their
25 equivalent. Standards of eligibility for renewed assistance shall be the same as for an initial
26 award of financial assistance.