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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 174, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating tuition rates for undergraduate students at institutions of higher education.

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

Section A. Chapter 174, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 174.800, to read as follows:

174.800. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

2 **(1) "Qualifying institution", an institution of higher education in Missouri that**
3 **receives any state funds whatsoever; and**

4 **(2) "Qualifying student", a Missouri resident who is an undergraduate student**
5 **enrolled in a qualifying institution after the 2004-2005 school year.**

6 **2. Except as provided in subsection 3 of this section, during the four continuous**
7 **academic years next following a qualifying student's initial enrollment at a qualifying**
8 **institution, the tuition charged to a qualifying student shall not exceed the amount that the**
9 **qualifying student was charged at the time the qualifying student first enrolled in the**
10 **qualifying institution.**

11 **3. The tuition charged to a qualifying student enrolled in a degree program that**
12 **requires more than four years to complete shall not exceed the amount that was charged**
13 **at the time the qualifying student first enrolled in the qualifying institution for the**
14 **customary time required to complete the degree program. The customary time required**
15 **to complete a degree program shall be defined by the qualifying institution offering the**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 **degree program. If the qualifying student changes majors during the time period referred**
17 **to in this subsection or subsection 2 of this section, the tuition charged to the qualifying**
18 **student shall equal the amount the qualifying student would have been assessed had the**
19 **qualifying student been admitted to the changed major program when the qualifying**
20 **student first enrolled in the qualifying institution.**