

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1754

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

---

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SATER (Sponsor), NOLTE, POLLOCK, FAITH, KINGERY,  
BIVINS, SMITH (118), WHORTON, MEADOWS AND MOORE (Co-sponsors).

Read 1st time February 14, 2006 and copies ordered printed.

STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

3290L.01I

---

### AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to an associate degree scholarship program.

---

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

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 173.272, to read as follows:

173.272. 1. The coordinating board for higher education shall establish an  
2 "Associate Degree Transfer Incentive Scholarship Program", and any moneys  
3 appropriated to the board by the general assembly for this program shall be distributed  
4 by the department of higher education to participating public four-year Missouri colleges  
5 or universities to provide scholarships for citizens of this state who transfer to or are  
6 accepted for a program at a participating public four-year Missouri college or university  
7 under the provisions of this section.

8 2. Funds for the scholarship program shall be distributed to participating  
9 institutions on a pro rata basis according to the number of eligible students at each  
10 institution. The coordinating board for higher education shall promulgate rules to  
11 implement the provisions of this section.

12 3. A student shall be eligible for an associate degree transfer incentive program  
13 scholarship if the student has completed an associate of arts degree, an associate of science  
14 degree, or an associate of applied science degree, at a public four-year institution,

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.

15 community college, separately accredited two-year branch campus, or state technical  
16 college located in Missouri and recognized by the department of higher education to confer  
17 associate degrees.

18       **4. Individual public four-year Missouri colleges or universities may apply to the**  
19 **coordinating board for higher education for funds to offer associate degree transfer**  
20 **incentive scholarships under this section. Scholarships shall be available for a maximum**  
21 **of four semesters, and a minimum annual scholarship level of one thousand dollars, which**  
22 **may be prorated based upon available funds. In implementing the associate degree**  
23 **transfer incentive scholarship program, the coordinating board shall develop procedures**  
24 **governing the distribution of available moneys to scholarship applicants at institutions that**  
25 **participate in the statewide articulated associate of arts degree in the following order:**

26       **(1) Institutions that have in place transfer and articulation agreements for the**  
27 **completion of bachelor's degree programs that have been accredited by a recognized**  
28 **programmatic accrediting organization, to which associate-degree holding applicants have**  
29 **been accepted;**

30       **(2) Institutions that have in place transfer and articulation agreements for the**  
31 **completion of bachelor's degree programs to which associate-degree holding applicants**  
32 **have been accepted;**

33       **(3) Other public four-year institutions as deemed appropriate by the coordinating**  
34 **board.**

35       **5. Each institution offering a scholarship under this section shall develop and**  
36 **publish application procedures, deadlines, award amounts, and any other features unique**  
37 **to the receiving institution. Such institutions shall establish criteria for continuation of the**  
38 **scholarship that recognize obstacles that may be faced by a transfer student at that**  
39 **institution. The primary criterion shall be financial need, as determined by a method**  
40 **established by the coordinating board. Scholarships may be pro-rated for part-time**  
41 **students, as determined by the coordinating board. Each institution shall submit an**  
42 **annual report of the use and distribution of such scholarship funds to the general**  
43 **assembly, with such report subject to audit. The coordinating board shall establish a limit**  
44 **on funds to be used for institutional administrative costs.**

45       **6. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo,**  
46 **that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if**  
47 **it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if**  
48 **applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable**  
49 **and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo,**  
50 **to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently**

51 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or  
52 adopted after August 28, 2006, shall be invalid and void.

53 7. Pursuant to section 23.253, RSMo, of the Missouri Sunset Act:

54 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall  
55 automatically sunset six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by  
56 an act of the general assembly; and

57 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section  
58 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this  
59 section; and

60 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately  
61 following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.

✓