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## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 173.215, 173.220, and 173.820, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof ten new sections relating to higher education.

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

Section A. Sections 173.215, 173.220, and 173.820, RSMo, are repealed and ten new  
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 173.093, 173.195, 173.215, 173.220,  
3 173.820, 173.1000, 173.1003, 173.1006, 173.1009, and 173.1012, to read as follows:

**173.093. No student enrolled in an approved public or private institution of higher  
2 education in this state, as defined in section 173.205, shall receive financial assistance  
3 funded in whole or in part with public moneys which results in receipt of financial  
4 assistance that exceeds the student's cost for tuition, fees, books, and where applicable,  
5 room and board provided at the institution. Approved private institutions shall comply  
6 with the provisions of this section and shall, upon request by the department of higher  
7 education, provide financial information to the department to determine compliance with  
8 the requirements of this section.**

**173.195. 1. Beginning July 1, 2007, there is hereby established the "Access  
2 Missouri Scholarship Program". Any moneys appropriated by the general assembly for  
3 such program shall be used to provide nonrenewable scholarships for Missouri residents**

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.

4 to attend an approved institution of higher education in this state that meets the definition  
5 of an "approved institution" in section 173.205 for a freshman year under this section.  
6 Scholarships shall be offered beginning for any academic term beginning within twenty-  
7 four months following the date of graduation from high school to Missouri high school  
8 graduates who meet the requirements of this section.

9 2. For purposes of this section, "scholarship" means moneys paid by the state of  
10 Missouri on behalf of a qualified student enrolled in an approved institution of higher  
11 education under this section for an initial full academic year of study.

12 3. The commissioner of higher education shall establish a procedure for the  
13 reimbursement of the cost of tuition and fees up to the maximum specified in subsection  
14 4 of this section to any approved institution in this state for any student:

15 (1) Who is not eligible under the A+ program established in section 160.545, RSMo,  
16 because the program was not available through the student's high school; and

17 (a) Who has attended a recognized high school in this state for at least three years  
18 immediately prior to graduation; except that, students who are dependents of active duty  
19 military personnel who, in the school year immediately preceding graduation, meet all  
20 other requirements of this subsection shall be exempt from the three-year attendance  
21 requirement of this paragraph;

22 (b) Who has made a good faith effort to first secure all available federal sources of  
23 funding that may be applied to the reimbursement described in this subsection; and

24 (c) Who has earned a two point five grade average on a four-point scale, or the  
25 equivalent on another scale, while in high school consistent with the requirements of the  
26 A+ program and other requirements for the reimbursement authorized by this subsection,  
27 which shall include community service during high school as determined by rule of the  
28 coordinating board for higher education; or

29 (2) Who is eligible under the A+ program established under section 160.545, RSMo,  
30 who chooses to apply for and is admitted to an approved institution that does not  
31 participate in the A+ program.

32 4. The maximum scholarship shall be no more than one thousand dollars and shall  
33 be phased in as follows: two hundred fifty dollars for the 2007-08 academic year, five  
34 hundred dollars for the 2008-09 academic year, seven hundred fifty dollars for the 2009-10  
35 academic year, and one thousand dollars for the 2010-11 academic year. The coordinating  
36 board for higher education shall be the administrative agency for the implementation of  
37 the program established under this section, and shall:

38 (1) Promulgate reasonable rules to implement the provisions of this section;

39           (2) Prescribe the form and the time and method of awarding scholarships, and  
40 supervise the processing thereof; and

41           (3) Select qualified recipients to receive scholarships, make such awards of  
42 scholarships to qualified recipients, and determine the manner and method of payment to  
43 the approved institution on behalf of the recipient.

44           5. A recipient of a scholarship awarded under this section may transfer from one  
45 approved institution to another without losing eligibility for the scholarship. If at any time  
46 a recipient of the scholarship withdraws from an approved institution, which under the  
47 rules of such institution would entitle the student to a refund of any tuition, fees or other  
48 charges, the institution shall pay the portion of the refund attributable to the scholarship  
49 for such term to the coordinating board for higher education.

50           6. The commissioner of higher education shall develop a procedure for evaluating  
51 the effectiveness of the program described in this section. Such evaluation shall be  
52 conducted annually and provide the results of the evaluation to the governor, the general  
53 assembly, and the joint committee on higher education established under section 173.1012.

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

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

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

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

9           (4) Establishes that [he] **the applicant** has financial need;

10           (5) Has [never been convicted in any court of an offense which involved the use of force,  
11 disruption or seizure of property under the control of any institution of higher education to  
12 prevent officials or students in such institutions from engaging in their duties or pursuing their  
13 studies; and] **not been found guilty of or pled guilty to any criminal offense or been**  
14 **adjudicated to have committed an offense which would constitute a criminal offense if**  
15 **committed by an adult; and**

16           (6) **Meets the minimum academic standards of a two point five grade average on**  
17 **a four-point scale, or the equivalent on another scale, for renewal of assistance; and**

18           [(6)] (7) No award shall be made under sections 173.200 to 173.230 to any applicant who  
19 is enrolled, or who intends to use the award to enroll, in a course of study leading to a degree in  
20 theology or divinity.

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

          173.220. An applicant who is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment as an  
2 undergraduate postsecondary student at an approved private or public institution [after August  
3 13, 1979,] and who meets the other eligibility criteria shall be entitled to financial assistance  
4 based primarily on **[his] the applicant's** financial need and to the extent of **[his] the applicant's**  
5 financial need as determined by the coordinating board[, except that effective August 1, 1980];  
6 **except that**, the amount of such grant shall not exceed the least of:

7           (1) The applicant's demonstrated financial need as determined by the coordinating board;  
8 or

9           (2) One-half the tuition and mandatory fee charges in effect the prior academic year at  
10 the approved institution the applicant plans to attend; or

11          (3) Fifteen hundred dollars[;

12 and until that date the grant shall not exceed the least of:

13          (1) The applicant's demonstrated financial need as determined by the coordinating board;  
14 or

15          (2) One-half the fall 1971 tuition and mandatory fee charges at the approved institution  
16 the applicant plans to attend; or

17          (3) Nine hundred dollars].

          173.820. 1. A student shall be eligible for an initial or renewed scholarship if such  
2 student is in compliance with the eligibility requirements set forth in section 173.215, and in  
3 addition meets the following requirements:

4           (1) [Has a cumulative grade point average of at least two and one-half on a four-point  
5 scale or equivalent on the student's high school core curriculum and has completed a high school  
6 curriculum satisfying the coordinating board's requirements for a college preparatory or technical  
7 preparatory curriculum;

8           (2) Has received a score of twenty or higher on the general American College Test  
9 (ACT) or a composite verbal and math score of nine hundred and fifty or higher on the  
10 Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT);

11          (3)] Has not been [convicted] **found guilty** of or pled guilty to any criminal offense or  
12 been adjudicated to have committed an offense which would constitute a criminal offense if  
13 committed by an adult;

14        [(4) Has substantially participated in extracurricular activities, as determined by the  
15 coordinating board; and

16        (5)] (2) For the purpose of renewal, remains in compliance with the applicable provisions  
17 of section 173.215, and makes satisfactory academic degree progress as a full-time student.

18        2. (1) A student seeking **to renew** a scholarship pursuant to sections 173.810 to 173.827  
19 shall maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least two point five on a four-point  
20 scale, or the equivalent on another scale approved by the program administrator while attending  
21 the approved public or private institution.

22        (2) If the grade point average of a member who is receiving educational assistance  
23 pursuant to sections 173.810 to 173.827 falls below [two point five on a four-point scale, or the  
24 equivalent on another scale] **the required level established in this subsection**, such member  
25 shall retain the educational assistance and shall be placed on probation under the educational  
26 assistance program. Failure to achieve a current grade point average of [at least two point five  
27 on a four-point scale, or the equivalent on another scale] **the required level** for future semesters  
28 or equivalent academic terms shall result in termination of the scholarship effective as of the next  
29 academic term. The member shall be removed from probation status upon achieving [a] **the**  
30 **required** cumulative grade point average [of two point five on a four-point scale or the  
31 equivalent on another scale].

32        3. Scholarships shall be offered beginning for any academic term beginning within  
33 twenty-four months following the date of graduation from high school to Missouri high school  
34 graduates who meet the requirements of subsection 1 of this section. The scholarship shall be  
35 applicable toward payment for tuition and other fees and the costs of books and other  
36 education-related expenses. The amount of the scholarship, regardless of the institution attended,  
37 shall not exceed the current average cost of tuition and fees at the campus of the University of  
38 Missouri which has the largest total enrollment, as determined by the coordinating board, and  
39 a book allowance as determined by the coordinating board, **both as of the 2004-2005 academic**  
40 **year**.

41        4. The amount of scholarship provided under sections 173.810 to 173.827 shall be based  
42 upon financial need as determined under sections 173.810 to 173.827, shall be subject to the  
43 maximum amount established in subsection 2 of this section and shall be further reduced by the  
44 amount of any nonloan need-based federal financial aid, all other nonloan need-based assistance  
45 received by or on behalf of the student pursuant to other provisions of this chapter and any other  
46 nonloan need-based state financial aid which aid or assistance may be used for the purposes  
47 established pursuant to subsection 2 of this section for scholarships granted pursuant to sections  
48 173.810 to 173.827.

49           5. A student who is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment as a postsecondary  
50 student at an approved private or public institution [beginning with the fall 1999 term] and who  
51 meets the other eligibility requirements for a scholarship pursuant to sections 173.810 to 173.827  
52 shall, within the limits of the funds appropriated and made available, be offered a scholarship  
53 for the first academic year of study as provided in sections 173.810 to 173.827. Such scholarship  
54 shall be renewable in like amount annually for the second, third, fourth and fifth academic years,  
55 or as long as the recipient is in compliance with the applicable eligibility requirements set forth  
56 in section 173.215, provided such years of study are continuous and the student continues to  
57 meet eligibility requirements for the scholarship. If a recipient ceases all attendance at an  
58 approved public or private institution for the purpose of providing service to a nonprofit  
59 organization, a state or federal government agency or any branch of the armed forces of the  
60 United States, the recipient shall be eligible for a renewal scholarship upon return to any  
61 approved public or private institution, provided the recipient:

- 62           (1) Returns to full-time status within twenty-seven months;  
63           (2) Provides verification, in compliance with rules of the coordinating board, that the  
64 service to the nonprofit organization was satisfactorily completed and was not compensated other  
65 than for expenses or that the service to the state or federal governmental agency or branch of the  
66 armed forces of the United States was satisfactorily completed; and  
67           (3) Meets all other requirements established for eligibility to receive a renewal  
68 scholarship.

**173.1000. The provisions of sections 173.1000 to 173.1012 shall be known and may  
2 be cited as the "Higher Education Student Funding Act".**

**173.1003. 1. Each approved public institution, as defined in section 173.205, but  
2 excluding vocational-technical schools unless otherwise specified, shall be eligible to receive  
3 additional funding above the fiscal year 2001 operating budget appropriation level only  
4 upon establishment of no more than five of the following performance measures:**

5           **(1) Two institutional measures as negotiated by each institution through the  
6 department of higher education; and**

7           **(2) Three statewide measures as developed by the department of higher education  
8 in consultation with institutions of higher education.**

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10           **One such measure may be a sector-specific measure making use of the 2005 additional  
11 Carnegie categories, if deemed appropriate by the department of higher education. The  
12 department shall report to the joint committee on higher education on its progress at least  
13 twice a year in developing the statewide measures and negotiating the institution-specific**

14 measures. The performance measures shall be reflected in the performance contract of  
15 each approved public institution under section 173.1006.

16       2. When the operating budget appropriation exceeds the level contemplated in  
17 subsection 1 of this section, the additional moneys in excess of the level contemplated in  
18 subsection 1 of this section shall be delivered to approved public institutions in the form  
19 of aid to scholarship programs rather than institutional operating aid until full funding of  
20 the Gallagher, Guarantee, Bright Flight, A+, and Access Missouri programs is achieved  
21 except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of this section.

22       3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2 of this section, when the  
23 scholarship programs referred to in subsection 2 of this section are seventy-five percent  
24 funded, the general assembly may, in the subsequent year after the level is achieved, adjust  
25 the amount appropriated under subsection 1 of this section. No further adjustment shall  
26 be made to the amount under subsection 1 of this section until all of the programs referred  
27 to in subsection 2 of this section are one hundred percent funded. The funding priority  
28 thereafter shall be one hundred percent funding of the programs referred to in subsection  
29 2 of this section, after which time the amount in subsection 1 of this section and any  
30 previous adjustments may be increased.

31       4. The commissioner of the office of administration shall provide notice to the  
32 governor, the house budget chair, the senate appropriations chair, the joint committee on  
33 higher education, and the revisor of statutes no later than November fifteenth of each fiscal  
34 year's appropriations reported from the year of the enactment of sections 173.1000 to  
35 173.1012 up to and including the year in which the appropriation levels in subsections 1  
36 and 3 of this section are achieved.

173.1006. 1. Each approved public institution, as defined in section 173.1003, shall  
2 negotiate a performance contract with the department of higher education that specifies  
3 the performance goals the institution shall achieve during the period that it operates under  
4 the performance contract. The contract shall contain, at a minimum, the five measures  
5 referred to in section 173.1003. The term of a performance contract may be up to five  
6 years. An approved public institution's compliance with the goals specified in the  
7 performance contract shall be in addition to, but evaluated separately from, the individual  
8 goals previously established in conjunction with its institutional mission review and  
9 performance funding for the period of the performance contract.

10       2. The specified procedures and goals set forth in the performance contract shall  
11 be measurable and tailored to the role and mission of each approved public institution that  
12 submits a budget request to the coordinating board, and may include, but shall not be  
13 limited to:

- 14       (1) Improving residents' access to higher education;
- 15       (2) Improving quality and success in higher education;
- 16       (3) Improving the efficiency of operations; and
- 17       (4) Addressing the needs of the state.

18       3. To measure progress toward the goals specified in the performance contract, the  
19 following issues and any others deemed appropriate by the department of higher education  
20 may be addressed:

21       (1) Appropriate levels of student enrollment, transfer, retention, and graduation  
22 rates and institutional programs specifically designed to assist students in achieving their  
23 academic and, in the case of community colleges, vocational goals;

24       (2) Student satisfaction and student performance after graduation measured by  
25 indicators appropriate to the institutional role and mission, such as employment or  
26 enrollment in graduate programs;

27       (3) Comparative cost and productivity data in relation to peer institutions;

28       (4) Assessment of the quality of the institution's academic and, where relevant,  
29 vocational programs, including assessment by external reviewers, such as accreditation  
30 boards and employers, and consideration of student performance on national  
31 examinations; and

32       (5) Increasing financial support to sustain and enhance essential functions that may  
33 be partially state funded, including but not limited to:

34       (a) The provision of need-based and other student financial aid;

35       (b) In the case of an approved public institution with a research mission, capital  
36 construction which shall be reflected in the general assembly's capital outlay  
37 appropriations legislation;

38       (c) Assessment of financial indicators compared to national benchmarks commonly  
39 used to measure financial performance in higher education according to the type of  
40 institution; and

41       (d) Increasing financial support to sustain and enhance the educational mission of  
42 the approved public institution and, in the case of approved public institutions with a  
43 research mission, increasing public and private research capabilities and competitiveness.

44       4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary:

45       (1) Increasing enrollment of underserved students, including low-income  
46 individuals and minority groups, shall be addressed in each performance contract; and

47       (2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any performance contract that  
48 extends into a fiscal year for which appropriations fall below the level established in  
49 subsection 1 of section 173.1003.



50           5. Each performance contract between the department of higher education and an  
51 approved public institution shall be reviewed and approved by the coordinating board for  
52 higher education before the contract becomes effective.

53           6. Notwithstanding any requirements of chapter 34, RSMo, a governing board of  
54 an approved public institution that operates under a performance contract negotiated  
55 under this section may, after approval from the coordinating board for higher education,  
56 negotiate with the department of higher education a provision in the performance contract  
57 to allow an exemption from the procurement code and such other state statutes or rules  
58 governing procurement and contracting as initially identified by rule of the coordinating  
59 board by August 28, 2007. The commissioner of higher education shall communicate in  
60 writing with the commissioner of the office of administration regarding any exemptions  
61 granted under this subsection.

62           7. (1) The department of higher education shall report to the members of the joint  
63 committee on higher education and the members of the budget and appropriations  
64 committees of the general assembly the financial effect of the provisions of each  
65 performance contract with regard to funding for the affected approved public institution  
66 and overall funding for the statewide system of higher education, any exemptions granted  
67 under subsection 6 of this section, and a review of each approved public institution's  
68 operations under the institution's performance contract in the annual report required  
69 under section 173.040. The department of higher education may renew a performance  
70 contract at its discretion, with the agreement of the institution's governing board. No  
71 contract shall be renewed if the goals established have not been achieved, except if, in the  
72 opinion of the department of higher education, extenuating circumstances were present  
73 that prevented the achievement of the established goals. The department shall file with the  
74 joint committee on higher education notice of all contracts being renewed and any  
75 explanation of contracts being renewed that have not met established goals. The joint  
76 committee may, within sixty days after receipt of notice, by majority vote of the committee,  
77 direct the department to terminate any contract that has failed to meet established goals.

78           (2) Data collected and used to measure an approved public institution's progress  
79 towards the goals set forth in the institution's performance contract with the department  
80 of higher education shall be made available to the members of the joint committee on  
81 higher education and members of the budget and appropriations committees, and each  
82 approved public institution covered by a performance contract. The department of higher  
83 education shall also provide copies of the data to other members of the general assembly  
84 and members of the public on request.

85           **8. While operating under a performance contract negotiated under this section, an**  
86 **approved public institution:**

87           **(1) May, at the request of its governing board, request the governor to appoint**  
88 **additional advisory members to the governing board to sustain and enhance the role and**  
89 **mission of the institution. Additional members of the governing board shall serve as**  
90 **nonvoting members of the board and shall serve without compensation. The role of the**  
91 **advisory members shall be to improve the governing board's opportunities to develop and**  
92 **enrich the academic and research programs at the approved public institution;**

93           **(2) Shall report to the coordinating board for higher education its plans for any**  
94 **tuition increases for the following academic year for the board to forward to the general**  
95 **assembly during the budget process.**

96           **9. While operating under a performance contract negotiated under this section, an**  
97 **approved public institution shall remain eligible for state-funded capital construction**  
98 **projects and maintenance projects through the budget process.**

**173.1009. 1. Approved public institutions, including vocational-technical schools,**  
2 **may achieve eligibility for additional state moneys beyond those contemplated in section**  
3 **173.1003 by establishment of institutional fee-for-services contracts under this section.**  
4 **Approved private institutions may participate in fee-for-services contracts when the**  
5 **coordinating board for higher education determines that the best interests of students can**  
6 **be effectively met through such contractual arrangements.**

7           **2. (1) Beginning July 1, 2007, an approved institution, as defined in section**  
8 **173.205, may annually negotiate a fee-for-services contract with the department for the**  
9 **delivery of higher education services by the approved institution to the residents of the**  
10 **state. Such services may include, but shall not be limited to, those enumerated in**  
11 **subdivision (1) of subsection 3 of this section.**

12           **(2) No approved institution that enters into a fee-for-service contract for basic skills**  
13 **courses, as described in paragraph (b) of subdivision (1) of subsection 3 of this section,**  
14 **shall charge a student more for a basic skills course than the student would otherwise pay**  
15 **per credit hour for any general education course offered at the same institution.**

16           **3. (1) Beginning July 1, 2007, the coordinating board shall be responsible for**  
17 **ensuring the provision of certain postsecondary educational services to underserved areas**  
18 **in the state. Such educational services shall include but are not limited to:**

19           **(a) Educational services in rural areas or communities in which the cost of**  
20 **delivering such services is not sustained by the amount received in student tuition;**

21           **(b) Basic skills courses, which are prerequisites to the level of work expected at a**  
22 **postsecondary institution and include academic skills courses and preparatory courses;**

23 (c) Educational services required of the coordinating board to meet its obligations  
24 under reciprocal agreements under section 173.030; and

25 (d) Educational services that may increase economic development opportunities in  
26 the state, including courses to assist students in career development and retraining.

27 (2) The department of higher education, on behalf of the coordinating board, may  
28 annually enter into fee-for-service contracts with one or more approved institutions to  
29 provide the higher education services specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection. The  
30 department of higher education may contract with an approved public institution only to  
31 the extent that the contract remains consistent with any performance measures decided  
32 upon under section 173.1003. A fee-for-services contract with an approved private  
33 institution or a vocational-technical school shall contain performance measures negotiated  
34 by the department of higher education that are specific to the measurement of services  
35 provided under the contract.

36 (3) The department of higher education may renew a fee-for-services contract at  
37 its discretion, with the agreement of the institution's governing board. No contract shall  
38 be renewed if the measurements established have not been achieved, except if, in the  
39 opinion of the department of higher education, extenuating circumstances were present  
40 that prevented the achievement of the established measurements. The department shall  
41 file with the joint committee on higher education notice of all fee-for-services contracts  
42 being renewed and any explanation of contracts being renewed that have not met  
43 established measurements. The joint committee may, within sixty days after receipt of  
44 notice, by majority vote of the committee, direct the department to terminate any contract  
45 that has failed to meet established measurements.

46 (4) Data collected and used to measure an institution's performance on its fee-for-  
47 services contract with the department of higher education shall be made available to the  
48 members of the joint committee on higher education and members of the budget and  
49 appropriations committees. The department of higher education shall also provide copies  
50 of the data to other members of the general assembly and members of the public on  
51 request.

52 (5) The coordinating board shall make annual funding recommendations to the  
53 general assembly and the governor regarding the funding necessary for the department of  
54 higher education to contract on the board's behalf for the provision of higher education  
55 services in the state, including but not limited to the services specified in subdivision (1) of  
56 this subsection.

173.1012. 1. There is hereby established a joint committee of the general assembly  
2 which shall be known as the "Joint Committee on Higher Education", which shall be

3 composed of seven members of the senate and seven members of the house of  
4 representatives. The senate members of the committee shall be appointed by the president  
5 pro tem and minority leader of the senate and the house members by the speaker and  
6 minority leader of the house of representatives.

7       2. The committee may meet and function in any year that the senate and the house  
8 of representatives appoint members to serve on the committee, but in no case shall it meet  
9 less frequently than twice every year beginning in calendar year 2007.

10       3. The committee shall select either a chairperson or co-chairs, one of whom shall  
11 be a member of the senate and one a member of the house of representatives. A majority  
12 of the members shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the committee may be called at  
13 such time and place as the chair or co-chairs designate.

14       4. The committee shall:

15       (1) Review and monitor the progress of education reform in the state's public  
16 institutions of higher education;

17       (2) Receive reports from the commissioner of higher education concerning the  
18 condition of higher education; provided that such reports shall include, but not be limited  
19 to, a description of the methods for determining the need for postsecondary services and  
20 the means of ensuring the provision of services specified by subsection 3 of section  
21 173.1009;

22       (3) Conduct studies and analysis of the system of financing public higher education  
23 and the provision of financial aid for higher education, monitoring the progress of the  
24 changes required by sections 173.1000 to 173.1009;

25       (4) Have oversight of the establishment of performance measures as required by  
26 sections 173.1003 and 173.1009, and report on their establishment to the governor, the  
27 general assembly, and to the joint committee on education established under section  
28 160.254, RSMo;

29       (5) Make recommendations to the general assembly for legislative action; and

30       (6) Conduct such studies of any other education issues the committee deems  
31 relevant.

32       5. The committee may make reasonable requests for staff assistance from the  
33 research and appropriations staffs of the house and senate and the committee on legislative  
34 research, as well as the department of elementary and secondary education, the  
35 department of higher education, the coordinating board for higher education, the state tax  
36 commission, all public institutions of higher education, and such private higher education  
37 institutions and business and other commercial interests and any other interested persons  
38 as may be required.

39           **6. Members of the committee shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed**  
40 **for reasonable and necessary expenses associated with the performance of their official**  
41 **duties.**

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