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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the hiring of law enforcement officers by private colleges and universities.

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 known as section 173.858, to read as follows:

173.858. 1. The governing board of any private not-for-profit college or university authorized to do business in this state and which meets the standards of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools may appoint and employ as many college or university police officers as it may deem necessary to protect persons, property, and to preserve peace and good order in the buildings, properties, grounds, and other facilities and locations over which it has charge or control.

- 2. The college or university police officers, before they enter upon their duties, shall take and subscribe an oath of office before some officer authorized to administer oaths to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties thereof, which oath shall be filed in the office of the governing board of the college or university and the secretary of the board shall give each college police officer so appointed and qualified a certificate of appointment under the seal of the board which certificate shall empower such officer with the same authority to maintain order, preserve peace, and make arrests as is given to peace officers.
- 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.

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The college or university police officer may, in addition, expel from the public buildings, campuses, and grounds, persons violating the rules and regulations that may be prescribed by the board or others under the authority of the board. Such officer as may be designated by the board shall have immediate charge, control, and supervision of college police officers appointed by authority of this section. Such college police officers shall, before appointment, or within six months after appointment, be certified peace officers under chapter 590, RSMo.

3. Nothing in this section shall be construed as denying the board the right to appoint guards or watchmen who shall not be given the authority and powers authorized in this section.

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