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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES COOPER (158) (Sponsor), FISHER, LEMBKE, McGHEE, SATER, EMERY, WALLACE, COOPER (155), FUNDERBURK, DUSENBERG AND BRANDOM (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to American studies.

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 173.910, to read as follows:

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173.910. 1. In order to promote an understanding of American history and culture,

3 and thereafter shall, as a requisite for graduation, complete at a minimum one three-credit-

students entering public institutions of higher education in this state after January 1, 2008,

- 4 hour course in either American History I or American History II; and one three-credit-
- hour course in either American Literature I or American Literature II. In both cases, the
- other course shall be offered as a three-credit-hour elective if it is not required.
- 7 2. American History I shall include study of United States history from the colonial
- 8 beginnings to approximately 1900. American History II shall include study of United
- $9 \quad \textbf{States history from approximately 1900 to the present. American Literature I shall include} \\$
- 10 study of major American authors from the colonial beginnings to approximately 1860.
- 11 American Literature II shall include study of major American authors from approximately
- 12 1860 to the present. The four courses shall have these or equivalent course titles. The four
- 13 courses may be transferred for credit from institutions of higher education in the United
- 14 States, but not from foreign institutions.

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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3. The coordinating board of higher education shall monitor and report compliance with this subsection.

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