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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ROBB (Sponsor), THOMSON, QUINN (7), WALLACE, BIVINS,
SANDER, AND VIEBROCK (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

To repeal section 173.1104, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the
Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program.

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

Section A. Section 173.1104, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu
2 thereof, to be known as section 173.1104, to read as follows:

173.1104. 1. An applicant shall be eligible for initial or renewed financial assistance
2 only if, at the time of application and throughout the period during which the applicant is
3 receiving such assistance, 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; and
9 (4) Is not enrolled or does not intend to use the award to enroll in a course of study
10 leading to a degree in theology or divinity.

11 2. If an applicant is found guilty of or pleads guilty to any criminal offense during the
12 period of time in which the applicant is receiving financial assistance, such applicant shall not
13 be eligible for renewal of such assistance, provided such offense would disqualify the applicant

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.

14 from receiving federal student aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as
15 amended.

16 3. Financial assistance shall be allotted for one academic year, but a recipient shall be
17 eligible for renewed assistance until he or she has obtained a baccalaureate degree, provided such
18 financial assistance shall not exceed a total of ten semesters or fifteen quarters or their
19 equivalent. Standards of eligibility for renewed assistance shall be the same as for an initial
20 award of financial assistance, except that for renewal, an applicant shall demonstrate a
21 grade-point average of two [and five-tenths] **points** on a four-point scale, or the equivalent on
22 another scale. This subsection shall be construed as the successor to section 173.215 for
23 purposes of eligibility requirements of other financial assistance programs that refer to section
24 173.215.

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