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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 FOR
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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 173.1104, 173.1105, and 173.1108, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the access Missouri financial assistance program, with an emergency clause for a certain section.

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

Section A. Sections 173.1104, 173.1105, and 173.1108, RSMo, are repealed and three
2 new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 173.1104, 173.1105, and 173.1108,
3 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
14 from receiving federal student aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as
15 amended.

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.

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 on a four-point scale, or the equivalent on another
22 scale] **for the program established under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107, beginning with the**
23 **2010-2011 academic year an applicant with less than sixty semester hours shall maintain**
24 **satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution of attendance but no less than**
25 **two on a four-point scale; and an applicant with sixty or more semester hours shall**
26 **demonstrate a grade-point average of at least two and five-tenths on a four-point scale, or**
27 **the equivalent on another scale. The addition of students eligible for an award resulting**
28 **from the change in grade point average as set out in this subsection shall be accommodated**
29 **by refiguring award amounts under section 173.1105 within the limits of the amount**
30 **appropriated annually.**

31 4. This subsection shall be construed as the successor to section 173.215 for purposes
32 of eligibility requirements of other financial assistance programs that refer to section 173.215.
33 **Standards of eligibility for renewed assistance for programs other than that established**
34 **under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107 shall be the same as for an initial award of financial**
35 **assistance, except that for renewal an applicant shall demonstrate a grade-point average**
36 **of at least two and five-tenths on a four-point scale, or the equivalent on another scale.**

173.1105. 1. [Beginning with the 2007-08 academic year,] An applicant who is an
2 undergraduate postsecondary student at an approved private or public institution and who meets
3 the other eligibility criteria shall be eligible for financial assistance, with a minimum and
4 maximum award amount as follows:

5 (1) **For academic years 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014:**

6 (a) One thousand dollars maximum and three hundred dollars minimum for students
7 attending institutions classified as part of the public two-year sector;

8 [(2)] (b) Two thousand one hundred fifty dollars maximum and one thousand dollars
9 minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public four-year sector,
10 including Linn State Technical College; and

11 [(3)] (c) Four thousand six hundred dollars maximum and two thousand dollars
12 minimum for students attending approved private institutions.

13 (2) **For the 2014-2015 academic year and subsequent years:**

14 (a) **One thousand three hundred dollars maximum and three hundred dollars**
15 **minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public two-year sector;**
16 **and**

17 (b) **Two thousand eight hundred fifty dollars maximum and one thousand five**
18 **hundred dollars minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public**
19 **four-year sector, including Linn State Technical College, or approved private institutions.**

20 2. All students with an expected family contribution of twelve thousand dollars or less
21 shall receive at least the minimum award amount for his or her institution. Maximum award
22 amounts for an eligible student with an expected family contribution above seven thousand
23 dollars shall be reduced by ten percent of the maximum expected family contribution for his or
24 her increment group. Any award amount shall be reduced by the amount of a student's
25 [reimbursement pursuant to section 160.545, RSMo] **payment from the A+ schools program**
26 **or any successor program to it.** For purposes of this subsection, the term "increment group"
27 shall mean a group organized by expected family contribution in five hundred dollar increments
28 into which all eligible students shall be placed.

29 3. If appropriated funds are insufficient to fund the program as described, the maximum
30 award shall be reduced across all sectors by the percentage of the shortfall. If appropriated funds
31 exceed the amount necessary to fund the program, the additional funds shall be used to increase
32 the number of recipients by raising the cutoff for the expected family contribution rather than by
33 increasing the size of the award.

34 4. Every three years, beginning with academic year 2009-10, the award amount may be
35 adjusted to increase no more than the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U),
36 1982-1984 = 100, not seasonally adjusted, as defined and officially recorded by the United States
37 Department of Labor, or its successor agency, for the previous academic year. The coordinating
38 board shall prepare a report prior to the legislative session for use of the general assembly and
39 the governor in determining budget requests which shall include the amount of funds necessary
40 to maintain full funding of the program based on the baseline established for the program upon
41 the [passage] **effective date** of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107. Any increase in the award
42 amount shall not become effective unless an increase in the amount of money appropriated to
43 the program necessary to cover the increase in award amount is passed by the general assembly.

173.1108. [Under section 23.253, RSMo, of the Missouri sunset act:

2 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107
3 shall automatically sunset six years after August 28, 2007, unless reauthorized by an act of the
4 general assembly; and

5 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under sections 173.1101 to
6 173.1107 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization
7 of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107; and

8 (3) Sections 173.1101 to 173.1107 shall terminate on September first of the calendar
9 year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under sections
10 173.1101 to 173.1107 is sunset] **Section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act shall not apply to**
11 **the provisions of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107.**

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to synchronize the requirements of
2 section 173.1104 of section A of this act with the school calendar and state fiscal year, the repeal
3 and reenactment of section 173.1104 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared
5 to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the repeal and reenactment
6 of section 173.1104 of section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and
7 approval.

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