# SECOND REGULAR SESSION HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1583

# 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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# AN ACT

- To repeal sections 348.250, 348.253, 348.257, 348.265, 348.269, section 348.251 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first extraordinary session, section 348.251 as enacted by conference committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for house substitute for house committee substitute for house bill nos 1248 & 1048, eighty-seventh general assembly, second regular session, section 348.256 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first extraordinary session, section 348.256 as enacted by conference committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for house substitute for house bill no. 414, eighty-eighth general assembly, first regular session, section 348.261 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first extraordinary session, section 348.261 as enacted by senate committee substitute for house committee substitute for house bill no. 574, eighty-eighth general assembly, first regular session, section 348.262 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first extraordinary session, section 348.262 as enacted by conference committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for house substitute for house committee substitute for house bill nos 1248 & 1048, eighty-seventh general assembly, second regular session, section 348.263 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first extraordinary session, section 348.263 as enacted by conference committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for house substitute for house committee substitute for house bill nos 1248 & 1048, eighty-seventh general assembly, second regular session, section 348.264 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first extraordinary session, section 348.264 as enacted
- 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.

by conference committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for house substitute for house bill no. 414, eighty-eighth general assembly, first regular session, section 348.271 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first extraordinary session, section 348.300 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first extraordinary session, and section 348.300 as enacted by senate committee substitute for house committee substitute for house bill no. 1, ninety-fourth general assembly, first extraordinary session, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof ten new sections relating to the Missouri technology corporation.

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

Section A. Sections 348.250, 348.253, 348.257, 348.265, 348.269, section 348.251 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth 2 general assembly, first extraordinary session, section 348.251 as enacted by conference 3 4 committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for house substitute for house committee substitute for house bill nos 1248 & 1048, eighty-seventh general assembly, 5 6 second regular session, section 348.256 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first extraordinary session, section 7 8 348.256 as enacted by conference committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for house substitute for house bill no. 414, eighty-eighth general assembly, first regular 9 10 session, section 348.261 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first extraordinary session, section 348.261 as 11 12 enacted by senate committee substitute for house committee substitute for house bill no. 574, eighty-eighth general assembly, first regular session, section 348.262 as enacted by senate 13 14 substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first extraordinary session, section 348.262 as enacted by conference committee substitute for 15 senate substitute for senate committee substitute for house substitute for house committee 16 17 substitute for house bill nos 1248 & 1048, eighty-seventh general assembly, second regular 18 session, section 348.263 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first extraordinary session, section 348.263 as 19 20 enacted by conference committee substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute 21 for house substitute for house committee substitute for house bill nos 1248 & 1048, eighty-22 seventh general assembly, second regular session, section 348.264 as enacted by senate substitute 23 for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first 24 extraordinary session, section 348.264 as enacted by conference committee substitute for senate

25 substitute for senate committee substitute for house substitute for house bill no. 414, eighty-26 eighth general assembly, first regular session, section 348.271 as enacted by senate substitute for 27 senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first 28 extraordinary session, section 348.300 as enacted by senate substitute for senate committee 29 substitute for senate bill no. 7, ninety-sixth general assembly, first extraordinary session, and 30 section 348.300 as enacted by senate committee substitute for house committee substitute for 31 house bill no. 1, ninety-fourth general assembly, first extraordinary session, RSMo, are repealed 32 and ten new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 348.251, 348.253, 348.256, 33 348.257, 348.261, 348.262, 348.263, 348.264, 348.265, and 348.300, to read as follows:

348.251. 1. As used in sections 348.251 to 348.266, the following terms mean:

(1) ["Applicable percentage", six percent for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and
the next fourteen consecutive fiscal years; five percent for the immediately subsequent five fiscal
years; and four percent for the immediately subsequent five fiscal years;

5 (2) "Applied research", any activity that seeks to utilize, synthesize, or apply existing 6 knowledge, information, or resources to the resolution of a specific problem, question, or issue 7 of science and innovation, including but not limited to translational research;

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(3) "Base year", fiscal year ending June 30, 2010;

9 (4) "Base year gross wages", gross wages paid by science and innovation companies to 10 science and innovation employees during fiscal year ending June 30, 2010;

11 (5) "Basic research", any original investigation for the advancement of scientific or 12 technical knowledge of science and innovation;

13 (6) "Commercialization", any of the full spectrum of activities required for a new 14 technology, product, or process to be developed from the basic research or conceptual stage 15 through applied research or development to the marketplace, including without limitation, the 16 steps leading up to and including licensing, sales, and service;

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(7)] "Corporation", the Missouri technology corporation established under this section;
 [(8) "Fields of applicable expertise", any of the following fields: science and innovation research, development, or commercialization, including basic research and applied research;

20 corporate finance, venture capital, and private equity related to science and innovation; the 21 business and management of science and innovation companies; education related to science and 22 innovation; or civic or corporate leadership in areas related to science and innovation;

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(9)] (2) "Department", the Missouri department of economic development;

(3) "Eligible donation", cash donations received from a taxpayer by the Missouri
technology corporation and used solely to carry out the provisions of sections 348.251 to
348.275;

(4) "Inherent conflict of interest", a fundamental or systematic conflict of interest that
 prevents a person from serving as a disinterested director of the corporation and from routinely
 performing his or her duties as a director of the corporation;

30 [(10) "NAICS industry groups" or "NAICS codes", the North American Industry 31 Classification System developed under the auspices of the United States Office of Management 32 and Budget and adopted in 1997, as may be amended, revised, or replaced by similar 33 classification systems for similar uses from time to time;

(11) "Science and innovation", the use of compositions and methods in research, development, and manufacturing processes for such diverse areas as agriculture-biotechnology, animal health, biochemistry, bioinformatics, energy, environment, forestry, homeland security, information technology, medical devices, medical diagnostics, medical instruments, medical therapeutics, microbiology, nanotechnology, pharmaceuticals, plant biology, and veterinary medicine, including future developments in such areas;

40 (12) "Science and innovation company", a corporation, limited liability company, S
41 corporation, partnership, registered limited liability partnership, foundation, association,
42 nonprofit entity, sole proprietorship, business trust, person, group, or other entity that is:

(a) Engaged in the research, development, commercialization, or business of science and
innovation in the state, including, without limitation, research, development, or production
directed toward developing or providing science and innovation products, processes, or services
for specific commercial or public purposes, including hospitals, nonprofit research institutions,
incubators, accelerators, and universities currently located or involved in the research,
development, commercialization, or business of science and innovation in the state; or

(b) Identified by the following NAICS industry groups or NAICS codes or any amended
or successor code sections covering such areas of research, development, and commercial
endeavors: 3251; 3253; 3254; 3391; 51121; 54138; 54171; 62231; 111191; 111421; 111920;
111998; 311119; 311211; 311221; 311222; 311223; 325193; 325199; 325221; 325222; 325611;
325612; 325613; 325311; 325312; 325314; 325320; 325411; 325412; 325414; 333298; 334510;
334516; 334517; 339111; 339112; 339113; 339114; 339115; 339116; 424910; 541710; 621511;
and 621512.

56 Each of the above listed four-digit and five-digit codes shall include all six-digit codes in such 57 four-digit and five-digit industry; however, each six-digit code shall stand alone and not indicate 58 the inclusion of other omitted six-digit codes that also are subsets of the pertinent four-digit or 59 five-digit industry to which the included six-digit code belongs;

60 (13) "Science and innovation employee", any employee, officer, or director of a science 61 and innovation company who is a state income taxpayer and any employee of a university who

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62 is associated with or supports the research, development, commercialization, or business of63 science and technology in the state and is obligated to pay state income tax to the state;

64 (14)] (5) "Taxpayer", any of the following individuals or entities who make an 65 eligible donation to the Missouri technology corporation:

66 (a) A person, firm, partner in a firm, corporation, or a shareholder in an S 67 corporation doing business in the state of Missouri and subject to the state income tax 68 imposed in chapter 143;

69 (b) A corporation subject to the annual corporation franchise tax imposed in 70 chapter 147;

(c) An insurance company paying an annual tax on its gross premium receipts in
 this state;

73 (d) Any other financial institution paying taxes to the state of Missouri or any
 74 political subdivision of this state under chapter 148;

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(e) An individual subject to the state income tax imposed in chapter 143;

(f) Any charitable organization that is exempt from federal income tax and whose
Missouri unrelated business taxable income, if any, would be subject to the state income
tax imposed under chapter 143;

(6) "Technology application", the introduction and adaptation of refined management
practices in fields such as scheduling, inventory management, marketing, product development,
and training in order to improve the quality, productivity and profitability of an existing firm.
Technology application shall be considered a component of business modernization;

83 [(15)] (7) "Technology development", strategically focused research directed at 84 developing investment-grade technologies which are important for market competitiveness.

85 2. The governor may, on behalf of the state and in accordance with chapter 355, establish 86 a private not-for-profit corporation named the "Missouri Technology Corporation", to carry out the provisions of sections 348.251 to 348.266. As used in sections [348.250] **348.251** to 348.275 87 88 the word "corporation" means the Missouri technology corporation authorized by this section. 89 Before certification by the governor, the corporation shall conduct a public hearing for the 90 purpose of giving all interested parties an opportunity to review and comment on the articles of 91 incorporation, bylaws and methods of operation of the corporation. Notice of the hearing shall 92 be given at least fourteen days prior to the hearing.

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[348.251. 1. As used in sections 348.251 to 348.266, the following terms mean:

3 (1) "Technology application", the introduction and adaptation of refined 4 management practices in fields such as scheduling, inventory management, 5 marketing, product development, and training in order to improve the quality, productivity and profitability of an existing firm. Technology application shall
be considered a component of business modernization;

8 (2) "Technology commercialization", the process of moving 9 investment-grade technology from a business, university or laboratory into the 10 marketplace for application;

11 (3) "Technology development", strategically focused research directed 12 at developing investment-grade technologies which are important for market 13 competitiveness.

14 2. The governor may, on behalf of the state and in accordance with chapter 355, establish a private not-for-profit corporation named the "Missouri 15 16 Technology Corporation", to carry out the provisions of sections 348.251 to 348.266. As used in sections 348.251 to 348.266 the word "corporation" means 17 the Missouri technology corporation authorized by this section. 18 Before 19 certification by the governor, the corporation shall conduct public hearing for the purpose of giving all interested parties an opportunity to review and comment 20 21 upon the articles of incorporation, bylaws and method of operation of the 22 corporation. Notice of the hearing shall be given at least fourteen days prior to 23 the hearing.]

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348.253. 1. The Missouri technology corporation may contract with not-for-profit
organizations to carry out the provisions of sections 348.251 to 348.275. By entering into such
contracts, the corporation shall attempt to achieve the following objectives:

4 (1) The establishment of a research alliance which shall advance technology 5 development, as defined in subdivision [(3)] (7) of section 348.251. The corporation, in this 6 capacity, shall have the authority to contract directly with centers for advanced technology, as 7 established by section 348.272, and other not-for-profit entities. In proceeding with this 8 objective, the corporation and centers for advanced technology shall utilize the results of targeted 9 industry studies commissioned by the department of economic development;

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(2) [Technology commercialization, as defined in subdivision (2) of section 348.251;

(3)] The establishment of a finance corporation to assist in the implementation of section348.261; and

13 [(4)] (3) The enhancement of technology application, as defined in subdivision [(1)] (6) 14 of section 348.251.

15 2. Any contract signed between the corporation and any not-for-profit organization, 16 including innovation centers as defined in section 348.271, shall require that the not-for-profit 17 organization must provide at least one-hundred-percent match for any funding received from the 18 corporation through the **Missouri** technology investment fund, as established in section 348.264.

348.256. 1. The articles of incorporation, bylaws, and methods of operation of the Missouri technology corporation shall be consistent with the provisions of sections [348.250] 2 3 **348.251** to 348.275.

4 2. The purposes of the corporation are to contribute to the strengthening of the economy of the state through the development of science and innovation, to promote the modernization 5 of Missouri businesses by supporting the transfer of science, technology and quality 6 improvement methods to the workplace; to enhance the productivity and modernization of 7 8 Missouri businesses by providing leadership in the establishment of methods of technology 9 application, technology commercialization and technology development; to make Missouri businesses, institutions, and universities more competitive and increase their likelihood of 10 success; to support and enhance local and regional strategies and initiatives that capitalize on the 11 12 unique science and innovation assets across the state; to make Missouri a highly desirable state 13 in which to conduct, facilitate, support, fund, and perform science and innovation research, 14 development, and commercialization; to facilitate and effect the creation, attraction, retention, growth, and enhancement of both existing and new science and innovation companies in the 15 state; to make Missouri a national and international leader in economic activity based on science 16 17 and innovation; to enhance workforce development; to create and retain quality jobs; to advance scientific knowledge; and to improve the quality of life for the citizens of the state of Missouri 18 19 in both urban and rural communities.

20 3. The board of directors of the corporation shall be composed of fifteen persons. The governor shall annually appoint one of its members, who must be from the private sector, as 21 22 chairperson. The board shall consist of the following members:

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(1) The director of the department of economic development, or the director's designee;

(2) The president of the University of Missouri system, or the president's designee; 25

(3) A member of the state senate, appointed by the president pro tem of the senate;

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(4) A member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house;

(5) Eleven members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the 28 senate, who are recognized for outstanding knowledge, leadership, and expertise in one or more 29 of the fields of applicable expertise.

30 Each of the directors of the corporation who is appointed by the governor shall serve for a term 31 of four years and until a successor is duly appointed.

4. Any changes in the articles of incorporation or bylaws must be approved by the 32 33 governor.

34 5. At the discretion of the state auditor, the corporation is subject to an audit by the state 35 auditor and the corporation shall bear the full cost of the audit.

36 6. Each of the directors of the corporation provided for in subdivisions (1) and (2) of 37 subsection 3 of this section shall remain a director until the designating individual specified in 38 such subdivisions designates a replacement by sending a written communication to the governor 39 and the chairperson of the board of the corporation; provided, however, that if the director of 40 economic development or the president of the University of Missouri system designates himself 41 or herself to the corporation board, such person's service as a corporation director shall cease 42 immediately when that person no longer serves as the director of economic development or as 43 the president of the University of Missouri system. Each of the directors of the corporation 44 provided for in subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection 3 of this section shall remain a director 45 until the appointing member of the general assembly specified in such subdivisions appoints a 46 replacement by sending a written communication to the governor and the chairperson of the 47 corporation board; provided, however, that if the speaker of the house or the president pro tem 48 of the senate appoints himself or herself to the corporation board, such person's service as a 49 corporation director shall cease immediately when that person no longer serves as the speaker 50 of the house or the president pro tem of the senate.

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7. Each of the eleven members of the board appointed by the governor shall:

52 (1) Hold office for the term of appointment and until the governor duly appoints his or 53 her successor; provided that if a vacancy is created by the death, permanent disability, 54 resignation, or removal of a director, such vacancy shall become immediately effective;

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(2) Be eligible for reappointment, but members of the board shall not be eligible to serve 56 more than two consecutive four-year terms and shall not be reappointed to the board until they 57 have not served on the board for a period of at least four interim years;

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(3) Not have a known inherent conflict of interest at the time of appointment; and

59 (4) Not have served in an elected office or a cabinet position in state government for a 60 period of two years prior to appointment, unless otherwise provided in this section.

61 8. Any member of the board may be removed by affirmative vote of eleven members of 62 the board for malfeasance or misfeasance in office, regularly failing to attend meetings, failure to comply with the corporation's conflicts of interest policy, conviction of a felony, or for any 63 64 cause that renders the member incapable of or unfit to discharge the duties of a director of the corporation. 65

66 9. The board shall meet at least four times per year and at such other times as it deems 67 appropriate, or upon call by the president or the chairperson, or upon written request of a 68 majority of the directors of the board. Unless otherwise restricted by Missouri law, the directors 69 may participate in a meeting of the board by means of telephone conference or other electronic 70 communications equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can communicate

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71 clearly with each other, and participation in a meeting in such manner will constitute presence 72 in person at such meeting.

10. A majority of the total voting membership of the board shall constitute a quorum for meetings. The board may act by a majority of those at any meeting where a quorum is present, except upon such issues as the board may determine shall require a vote of more members of the board for approval or as required by law. All resolutions and orders of the board shall be recorded and authenticated by the signature of the secretary or any assistant secretary of the board.

11. Members of the board shall serve without compensation. Members of the board attending meetings of the board, or attending committee or advisory meetings thereof, shall be paid mileage and all other applicable expenses, provided that such expenses are reasonable, consistent with policies established from time to time by the board, and not otherwise inconsistent with law.

12. The board may adopt, repeal, and amend such articles of incorporation, bylaws, and methods of operation that are not contrary to law or inconsistent with sections [348.250] **348.251** to 348.275, as it deems expedient for its own governance and for the governance and management of the corporation and its committees and advisory boards; provided that any changes in the articles of incorporation or bylaws approved by the board must also be approved by the governor.

90 13. A president shall direct and supervise the administrative affairs and the general 91 management of the corporation. The president shall be a person of national prominence that has 92 expertise and credibility in one or more of the fields of applicable expertise with a demonstrated 93 track record of success in leading a mission-driven organization. The president's salary and other 94 terms and conditions of employment shall be set by the board. The board may negotiate and 95 enter into an employment agreement with the president of the corporation, which may provide 96 for compensation, allowances, benefits, and expenses. The president of the corporation shall not 97 be eligible to serve as a member of the board until two years after the end of his or her 98 employment with the corporation. The president of the corporation shall be bound by, and agree 99 to obey, the corporation's conflicts of interest policy, including annually completing and 100 submitting to the board a disclosure and compliance certificate in accordance with such conflicts 101 of interest policy.

102 14. The corporation may employ such employees as it may require and upon such terms 103 and conditions as it may establish that are consistent with state and federal law. The corporation 104 may establish personnel, payroll, benefit, and other such systems as authorized by the board, and 105 provide death and disability benefits. Corporation employees, including the president, shall be 106 considered state employees for the purposes of membership in the Missouri state employees' 107 retirement system and the Missouri consolidated health care plan. Compensation paid by the 108 corporation shall constitute pay from a department for purposes of accruing benefits under the 109 Missouri state employees' retirement system. The corporation may also adopt, in accordance 110 with requirements of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a defined 111 contribution plan sponsored by the corporation with respect to employees, including the 112 president, employed by the corporation. Nothing in sections [348.250] 348.251 to 348.275 shall 113 be construed as placing any officer or employee of the corporation or member of the board in the 114 classified or the unclassified service of the state of Missouri under Missouri laws and regulations 115 governing civil service. No employee of the corporation shall be eligible to serve as a member 116 of the board until two years immediately following the end of his or her employment with the 117 corporation. All employees of the corporation shall be bound by, and agree to obey, the 118 corporation's conflicts of interest policy, including annually completing and submitting to the 119 board a disclosure and compliance certificate in accordance with such conflicts of interest policy.

120 15. No later than the first day of January each year, the corporation shall submit an 121 annual report to the governor and to the Missouri general assembly which the corporation may 122 contract with a third party to prepare and which shall include:

123 (1) A complete and detailed description of the operating and financial conditions of the 124 corporation during the prior fiscal year;

125 (2) Complete and detailed information about the distributions from the Missouri [science 126 and innovation reinvestment] **technology investment** fund and from any income of the 127 corporation;

(3) [Information about the growth of science and innovation research and industry in thestate;

(4)] Information regarding financial or performance audits performed in such year,
including any recommendations with reference to additional legislation or other action that may
be necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation; and

[(5)] (4) Whether or not the corporation made any distribution during the prior fiscal year to a research project or other project for which a report shall be filed under subsection 4 of section 38(d) of article III of the Constitution of the State of Missouri. If such a distribution was made, the corporation shall disclose in the annual report the amount of the distribution, the recipient of the distribution, and the project description.

138 16. The corporation shall keep its books and records in accordance with generally 139 accepted accounting procedures. Within four months following the end of each fiscal year, the 140 corporation shall cause a firm of independent certified public accountants of national repute to 141 conduct and deliver to the board an audit of the financial statements of the corporation and an 142 opinion thereon, to be conducted in accordance with generally accepted audit standards,

143 provided, however, that this section shall be inapplicable if the board of directors of the 144 corporation determines that insufficient funds have been appropriated to pay for the costs of 145 compliance with these requirements.

146 17. Within four months following the end of every odd numbered fiscal year, beginning 147 with fiscal year 2016, the corporation shall cause an independent firm of national repute that has 148 expertise in science and innovation research and industry to conduct and deliver to the board an 149 evaluation of the performance of the corporation for the prior two fiscal years, including detailed 150 recommendations for improving the performance of the corporation, provided, however, that this 151 section shall be inapplicable if the board of directors of the corporation determines that 152 insufficient funds have been appropriated to pay for the costs of compliance with these 153 requirements.

154 18. The corporation shall provide the state auditor a copy of the financial and 155 performance evaluations prepared under subsections 16 and 17 of this section.

156 19. The corporation shall have perpetual existence until an act of law expressly dissolves 157 the corporation; provided that no such law shall take effect so long as the corporation has 158 obligations or bonds outstanding unless adequate provision has been made for the payment or 159 retirement of such debts or obligations. Upon any such dissolution of the corporation, all 160 property, funds, and assets thereof shall be vested in the state.

20. [Except as provided under section 348.266, the state hereby pledges to, and agrees with, recipients of corporation funding or beneficiaries of corporation programs under sections 348.250 to 348.275 that the state shall not limit or alter the rights vested in the corporation under sections 348.250 to 348.275 to fulfill the terms of any agreements made or obligations incurred by the corporation with or to such third parties, or in any way impair the rights and remedies of such third parties until the obligations of the corporation and the state are fully met and discharged in accordance with sections 348.250 to 348.275.

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21. The corporation shall be exempt from:

169 (1) Any general ad valorem taxes upon any property of the corporation acquired and used170 for its public purposes;

171 (2) Any taxes or assessments upon any projects or upon any operations of the corporation 172 or the income therefrom;

(3) Any taxes or assessments upon any project or any property or local obligation
acquired or used by the corporation under the provisions of sections 348.250 to 348.275, or upon
income therefrom.

176 Purchases by the corporation to be used for its public purposes shall not be subject to sales or use 177 tax under chapter 144. The exemptions hereby granted shall not extend to persons or entities 2

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178 conducting business on the corporation's property for which payment of state and local taxes 179 would otherwise be required.

180 22.] No funds of the corporation shall be distributed to its employees or members of the 181 board; except that, the corporation may make reasonable payments for expenses incurred on its 182 behalf relating to any of its lawful purposes and the corporation shall be authorized and 183 empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to, or for, its benefit relating 184 to any of its lawful purposes, including to pay its employees reasonable compensation.

[23.] **21.** The corporation shall adopt and maintain a conflicts of interest policy to protect the corporation's interests by requiring disclosure by an interested party, appropriate recusal by such person, and appropriate action by the interested party or the board where a conflict of interest may exist or arise between the corporation and a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation.

[348.256. The articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Missouri technology corporation shall provide that:

(1) The purposes of the corporation are to contribute to the strengthening
of the economy of the state through the development of science and technology,
to promote the modernization of Missouri businesses by supporting the transfer
of science, technology and quality improvement methods to the workplace, and
to enhance the productivity and modernization of Missouri businesses by
providing leadership in the establishment of methods of technology application,
technology commercialization and technology development;

10 (2) The board of directors of the corporation is composed of fifteen 11 persons. The governor shall annually appoint one of its members, who must be 12 from the private sector, as chairman. The board shall consist of the following 13 members:

(a) The director of the department of economic development, or the director's designee;

(b) The president of the University of Missouri system, or the president's
 designee;

18 (c) A member of the state senate, appointed by the president pro tem of
 19 the senate;

20 (d) A member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker
21 the house;

(e) Eleven members appointed by the governor, two of which shall be
from the public sector and nine members from the private sector who shall
include, but shall not be limited to, individuals who represent technology-based
businesses and industrial interests;

(f) Each of the directors of the corporation who is appointed by the
governor shall serve for a term of four years and until a successor is duly
appointed; except that, of the directors serving on the corporation as of August
28, 1995, three directors shall be designated by the governor to serve a term of

four years, three directors shall be designated to serve a term of three years, three
directors shall be designated to serve a term of two years, and two directors shall
be designated to serve a term of one year. Each director shall continue to serve
until a successor is duly appointed by the governor;

(3) The corporation may receive money from any source, may borrow
 money, may enter into contracts, and may expend money for any activities
 appropriate to its purpose;

37 (4) The corporation may appoint staff and do all other things necessary
38 or incidental to carrying out the functions listed in section 348.261;

39 (5) Any changes in the articles of incorporation or bylaws must be40 approved by the governor;

41 (6) The corporation shall submit an annual report to the governor and to 42 the Missouri general assembly. The report shall be due on the first day of 43 November for each year and shall include detailed information on the structure, 44 operation and financial status of the corporation. The corporation shall conduct 45 an annual public hearing to receive comments from interested parties regarding 46 the report, and notice of the hearing shall be given at least fourteen days prior to 47 the hearing; and

48 (7) The corporation is subject to an annual audit by the state auditor and 49 that the corporation shall bear the full cost of the audit.]

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348.257. 1. [The board shall establish an executive committee of the corporation, to be
composed of the chairperson, the vice chairperson, and the secretary of the corporation, and two
additional directors. The chairperson of the corporation shall serve as the chairperson of the
executive committee.

5 2. The executive committee, in intervals between meetings of the board, may transact 6 any business of the board that has been expressly delegated to the executive committee by the 7 board. If so stipulated by the board, action delegated to the executive committee may be subject 8 to subsequent ratification by the board; provided, however, that until ratified or rejected by the 9 board, any action delegated to, and taken by, the executive committee between meetings of the 10 board will be binding upon the corporation as if ratified, and may be relied upon by third parties.

3. The board shall establish an audit committee of the corporation, to be composed of the chairperson of the corporation and four additional directors. The secretary of the corporation shall serve as the chairperson of the audit committee. The audit committee shall be responsible for oversight of the administration of the conflicts of interest policy, working with the president of the corporation to facilitate communications with the corporation's contract auditors, and such other responsibilities delegated to it by the board.

4. The board shall establish and maintain a research alliance of Missouri to be comprised of the chief research officers, or their designee, of the state's leading research universities and a representative of other leading not-for-profit research institutes headquartered in Missouri.

20 Members of the research alliance of Missouri shall be selected for such terms of membership 21 under such terms and conditions as the board deems necessary and appropriate to advance the 22 purposes of sections 348.250 to 348.275 and as comparable to other similar public sector bodies. 23 The research alliance of Missouri shall elect a chairperson on an annual basis. The research

24 alliance of Missouri shall prepare annual reports at the direction of the corporation that:

(1) Evaluate the specific areas of Missouri's research strengths and weaknesses and
 outline current research priorities of the state;

(2) Evaluate the ability of each member to realign their research and developmentresources, policies, and practices to seize emerging opportunities;

(3) Evaluate and summarize the best national and international practices for technology commercialization of university research and describe efforts that each university member has undertaken to implement best practices, including a description of the specific outcomes university members have achieved in technology commercialization; and

33 (4) Describe research collaborations by and between members and identify collaboration
 34 best practices that can or should be instituted in Missouri.

5.] The board may establish [other] committees, both permanent and temporary, as it deems necessary. Such committees may include national strategic, scientific and/or commercialization advisory boards comprised of individuals of national or international prominence in science and innovation and/or the business and commercialization of science and innovation.

40 [6.] **2.** The board may establish rules, policies, and procedures for the selection and 41 conduct of committees and advisory boards[, and the research alliance of Missouri]; provided, 42 however, that the members of such committees and advisory boards agree to be bound by a 43 conflict of interest policy consistent with the highest ethical standards that is suitable for such 44 advisory roles and annually complete and certify to the board a disclosure and compliance 45 certificate in accordance with such conflicts of interest policy.

348.261. 1. The corporation shall have all of the powers necessary or convenient to carry
out the purposes and provisions of sections [348.250] 348.251 to 348.275, including the powers
as specified therein, and without limitation, the power to:

4 (1) Establish a statewide business modernization network to assist Missouri businesses 5 in identifying ways to enhance productivity and market competitiveness;

6 (2) Identify scientific and technological problems and opportunities related to the 7 economy of Missouri and formulate proposals to overcome those problems or realize those 8 opportunities;

9 (3) Identify specific areas where scientific research and technological investigation will 10 contribute to the improvement of productivity of Missouri manufacturers and farmers;

(4) Determine specific areas in which financial investment in scientific and technological
 research and development from private businesses located in Missouri could be enhanced or
 increased if state resources were made available to assist in financing activities;

14 (5) Assist in establishing cooperative associations of universities in Missouri and of 15 private enterprises for the purpose of coordinating research and development programs that will, 16 consistent with the primary educational function of the universities, aid in the creation of new 17 jobs in Missouri;

18 (6) Assist in financing the establishment and continued development of 19 technology-intensive businesses in Missouri;

20 (7) Advise universities of the research needs of Missouri business and improve the 21 exchange of scientific and technological information for the mutual benefit of universities and 22 private business;

(8) Coordinate programs established by universities to provide Missouri businesses with
 scientific and technological information;

25 (9) Establish programs in scientific education which will support the accelerated 26 development of technology-intensive businesses in Missouri;

(10) Provide financial assistance through contracts, grants and loans to programs ofscientific and technological research and development;

(11) Determine how public universities can increase income derived from the sale or
 licensure of products or processes having commercial value that are developed as a result of
 university sponsored research programs;

32 (12) Contract with innovation centers, as established in section 348.271, small business 33 development corporations, as established in sections 620.1000 to 620.1007, centers for advanced 34 technology, as established in section 348.272, and other entities or organizations for the 35 provision of technology application, technology commercialization and technology development 36 services;

(13) Make direct seed capital or venture capital investments in Missouri business
investment funds or businesses that demonstrate the promise of growth and job creation.
Investments from the corporation may be in the form of debt or equity in the respective
businesses;

41 (14) Make and execute contracts, guarantees, or any other instruments and agreements
 42 necessary or convenient for the exercise of its powers and functions;

43 (15) Contract for and to accept any gifts, grants, and loans of funds, property, or any 44 other aid in any form from the federal government, the state, any state agency, or any other 45 source, or any combination thereof, and to comply with the provisions of the terms and 46 conditions thereof;

47 (16) Procure such insurance, participate in such insurance plans, or provide such self 48 insurance or both as it deems necessary or convenient; provided, however, the purchase of 49 insurance, participation in an insurance plan, or creation of a self-insurance fund by the 50 corporation shall not be deemed as a waiver or relinquishment of any sovereign immunity to 51 which the corporation or its officers, directors, employees, or agents are otherwise entitled;

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(17) Partner with universities or other research institutions in Missouri to attract and 53 recruit world-class science and innovation talent to Missouri;

54 (18) Expend any and all funds from the Missouri [science and innovation reinvestment] 55 technology investment fund and all other assets and resources of the corporation for the 56 exclusive purpose of fulfilling any purpose, power, or duty of the corporation under sections [348.250] **348.251** to 348.275, including but not limited to implementing the powers, purposes, 57 58 and duties of the corporation as enumerated in this section;

59 (19) Participate in joint ventures and collaborate with any taxpayer, governmental body or agency, insurer, university, or college of the state, or any other entity to facilitate any activities 60 61 or programs consistent with the purpose and intent of sections [348.250] 348.251 to 348.275; and

62 (20) In carrying out any activities authorized by sections [348.250] **348.251** to 348.275, 63 the corporation provides appropriate assistance, including the making of investments, grants, and 64 loans, and providing time of employees, to any taxpayer, governmental body[,] or agency, 65 insurer, university, or college of the state, or any other entity, whether or not any such taxpayer, 66 governmental body or agency, insurer, university, or college of the state, or any other entity, is 67 owned or controlled in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by the corporation.

68 The corporation shall endeavor to maximize the amount of leveraging of nonstate 2. 69 resources, including public and private, cash and in-kind, attained with its investments, grants, 70 loans, or other forms of support. In the case of investments, grants, loans, or other forms of 71 support that emphasize or are specifically intended to impact a particular Missouri county, 72 municipality, or other geographic subdivision of the state, or are otherwise local in nature, the 73 corporation shall give consideration and weight to local matching funds and other matching 74 resources, public and private.

75 3. Except as expressly provided in sections [348.250] 348.251 to 348.275, all moneys 76 earned or received by the corporation, including all funds derived from the commercialization 77 of science and innovation products, methods, services, and technology by the corporation, or any 78 affiliate or subsidiary thereof, or from the Missouri [science and innovation reinvestment] 79 technology investment fund, shall belong exclusively to and be subject to the exclusive control 80 of the corporation.

81 4. The corporation shall have all the powers of a not-for-profit corporation established 82 under Missouri law.

83 5. The corporation shall assume all moneys, property, or other assets remaining with the 84 Missouri seed capital investment board, established in section 620.641. All powers, duties, and 85 functions performed by the Missouri seed capital investment board shall be transferred to the 86 Missouri technology corporation.

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6. The corporation shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter 34.

88 7. At least ten days prior to releasing funds to a recipient of financial assistance pursuant 89 to the powers established in this section, the corporation shall submit to the president pro tem 90 of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives the name of the recipient of such 91 assistance, and post such information on the corporation's website.

[348.261. The corporation, after being certified by the governor as provided by section 348.251, may: 2 3

Establish a statewide business modernization network to assist (1)

Missouri businesses in identifying ways to enhance productivity and market competitiveness;

6 (2)Identify scientific and technological problems and opportunities 7 related to the economy of Missouri and formulate proposals to overcome those 8 problems or realize those opportunities;

9 (3) Identify specific areas where scientific research and technological investigation will contribute to the improvement of productivity of Missouri 10 11 manufacturers and farmers:

12 (4) Determine specific areas in which financial investment in scientific 13 and technological research and development from private businesses located in Missouri could be enhanced or increased if state resources were made available 14 to assist in financing activities; 15

16 Assist in establishing cooperative associations of universities in (5)17 Missouri and of private enterprises for the purpose of coordinating research and development programs that will, consistent with the primary educational function 18 19 of the universities, aid in the creation of new jobs in Missouri;

20 (6) Assist in financing the establishment and continued development of technology-intensive businesses in Missouri: 21

22 (7) Advise universities of the research needs of Missouri business and improve the exchange of scientific and technological information for the mutual 23 24 benefit of universities and private business;

25 (8) Coordinate programs established by universities to provide Missouri businesses with scientific and technological information: 26

27 (9) Establish programs in scientific education which will support the 28 accelerated development of technology-intensive businesses in Missouri;

29 (10) Provide financial assistance through contracts, grants and loans to 30 programs of scientific and technological research and development;

31 (11) Determine how public universities can increase income derived from 32 the sale or licensure of products or processes having commercial value that are 33 developed as a result of university sponsored research programs;

(12) Contract with innovation centers, as established in section 348.271, small business development corporations, as established in sections 620.1000 to 620.1007, centers for advanced technology, as established in section 348.272, and other entities or organizations for the provision of technology application, technology commercialization and technology development services. Such contracting procedures shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter 34; and (13) Make direct seed capital or venture capital investments in Missouri business investment funds or businesses which demonstrate the promise of

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of debt or equity in the respective businesses.]
348.262. In order to assist the corporation in achieving the objectives identified in
section 348.261, the department of economic development may contract with the corporation for
activities consistent with the corporation's purpose, as specified in sections [348.250] 348.251

growth and job creation. Investments from the corporation may be in the form

4 to 348.275. When contracting with the corporation under the provisions of this section, the 5 department of economic development may directly enter into agreements with the corporation 6 and shall not be bound by the provisions of chapter 34.

[348.262. In order to assist the corporation in achieving the objectives identified in section 348.261, the department of economic development may contract with the corporation for activities consistent with the corporation's purpose, as specified in section 348.256. When contracting with the corporation under the provisions of this section, the department of economic development may directly enter into agreements with the corporation and shall not be bound by the provisions of chapter 34.]

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348.263. 1. Except as otherwise provided in sections [348.250] **348.251** to 348.275, the corporation shall be subject to requirements applicable to governmental bodies and records contained in sections 610.010 to 610.225.

2. In addition to the exceptions available under sections 610.010 to 610.225, the records of the corporation shall not be subject to the provisions of sections 610.010 to 610.225, when, upon determination by the corporation, the disclosure of the information in the records would be harmful to the competitive position of the corporation and such records contain:

8 (1) Proprietary information gathered by, or in the possession of, the corporation from 9 third parties pursuant to a promise of confidentiality;

10 (2) Contract cost estimates prepared for confidential use in awarding contracts for 11 research, development, construction, renovation, commercialization, or the purchase of goods 12 or services;

(3) Data, records, or information of a proprietary nature produced or collected by, or for,the corporation, its employees, officers, or members of its board;

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15 (4) Third-party financial statements, records, and related data not publicly available that 16 may be shared with the corporation;

17 (5) Consulting or other reports paid for by the corporation to assist the corporation in 18 connection with its strategic planning and goals; or

19 (6) The determination of marketing and operational strategies where disclosure of such 20 strategies would be harmful to the competitive position of the corporation.

21 3. In addition to the exceptions available under sections 610.010 to 610.225, the 22 corporation, including the board[, executive committee, audit committee, and research alliance 23 of Missouri, or] and other [such] committees or boards that the corporation may authorize from 24 time to time, may discuss, consider, and take action on any of the following in closed session, when upon determination by the corporation, including as appropriate the board[, executive 25 26 committee, audit committee, and research alliance of Missouri, or other such] and other 27 committees or boards that the corporation may authorize from time to time, disclosure of such 28 items would be harmful to the competitive position of the corporation:

(1) Plans that could affect the value of property, real or personal, owned, or desirable forownership by the corporation;

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(2) The condition, acquisition, use, or disposition of real or personal property; or

32 (3) Contracts for applied research; basic research; science and innovation product 33 development, manufacturing, or commercialization; construction and renovation of science and 34 innovation facilities; or marketing or operational strategies.

[348.263. 1. The Missouri business modernization and technology 2 corporation shall replace the corporation for science and technology. All moneys, 3 property or any other assets remaining with the corporation for science and 4 technology after all obligations are satisfied on August 28, 1993, shall be 5 transferred to the Missouri business modernization and technology corporation. 6 All powers, duties and functions performed by the Missouri corporation of 7 science and technology on August 28, 1993, shall be transferred to the Missouri 8 business modernization and technology corporation.

9 The Missouri technology corporation shall replace the Missouri 2. 10 business modernization and technology corporation. All moneys, property or any 11 other assets remaining with the Missouri business modernization and technology corporation after all obligations are satisfied on August 28, 1994, shall be 12 13 transferred to the Missouri technology corporation. All powers, duties and functions performed by the Missouri business modernization and technology 14 corporation on August 28, 1994, shall be transferred to the Missouri technology 15 corporation.] 16

348.264. There is hereby established in the state treasury a special fund to be known as 2 the "Missouri [Science and Innovation Reinvestment] **Technology Investment** Fund",

[previously established as the Missouri technology investment fund in this section,] which shall 3 4 consist of all moneys which may be appropriated to it by the general assembly [based on the 5 applicable percentage of the amount by which science and innovation employees' gross wages for the year exceeds the base year gross wages pursuant to section 348.265, other funds 6 appropriated to it by the general assembly, and also any gifts, contributions, grants or bequests 7 8 received from federal, private or other sources. Money in the Missouri [science and innovation 9 reinvestment] technology investment fund shall be used to carry out the provisions of sections 10 [348.250] 348.251 to 348.275. Moneys for business modernization programs, technology 11 application programs, technology commercialization programs and technology development 12 programs established pursuant to the provisions of sections [348.250] 348.251 to 348.275 shall be available from appropriations made by the general assembly from the Missouri [science and 13 14 innovation reinvestment] technology investment fund. Any moneys remaining in the Missouri 15 [science and innovation reinvestment] technology investment fund at the end of any fiscal year 16 shall not lapse to the general revenue fund, as provided in section 33.080, but shall remain in the 17 Missouri [science and innovation reinvestment] technology investment fund. Public funds shall not be expended, paid, or granted to or on behalf of an existing or proposed research 18 project that involves abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research as 19 those terms are defined in section 196.1127. Any business that performs or induces 20 21 abortions, assists in the performing or inducing of abortions, refers for abortions or 22 engages in or performs human cloning as those terms are defined in section 196.1127 or 23 human embryonic stem cell research are not eligible for state monies and incentives.

[348.264. 1. There is hereby established in the state treasury a special 2 fund to be known as the "Missouri Technology Investment Fund", which shall 3 consist of all moneys which may be appropriated to it by the general assembly, 4 and also any gifts, contributions, grants or bequests received from federal, private 5 or other sources. Such moneys shall include federal funds which may be received 6 from the National Institute for Science and Technology, the Small Business 7 Achistan and the Department of Define houghts Technology Reinest net Program Money in the Missouri technology investment programs halben used to carry out the provisions of sections 348.251 to 348.275. Moneys for business modernization 8 9 programs, technology application programs, technology commercialization programs and 10 technology development programs established pursuant to the provisions of sections 348.251 to 348.275 shall be available from appropriations made by the general assembly from the Missouri 11 technology investment fund. Any moneys remaining in the Missouri technology investment fund 12 at the end of any fiscal year shall not lapse to the general revenue fund, as provided in section 13

33.080, but shall remain in the Missouri technology investment fund.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 173.500 to 173.565, the
Missouri technology investment fund shall be utilized to fund projects which
would previously have been funded through the higher education applied projects
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348.265. 1. [As soon as practicable after February 3, 2012, the director of the department of economic development, with the assistance of the director of the department of 2 3 revenue, shall establish the base year gross wages and report the amount of the base year gross 4 wages to the president and board of the corporation, the governor, and the general assembly. 5 Within one hundred eighty days after the end of each fiscal year beginning with the fiscal year 6 ending June 30, 2011, and for each subsequent fiscal year prior to the end of the last funding 7 year, the director of economic development, with the assistance of the director of the department 8 of revenue, shall determine and report to the president and board of the corporation, governor, 9 and general assembly the amount by which aggregate science and innovation employees' gross 10 wages for the fiscal year exceeds the base year gross wages. The director of economic 11 development and the director of the department of revenue may consider any verifiable evidence, 12 including but not limited to the NAICS codes assigned or recorded by the United States 13 Department of Labor for companies with employees in the state, when determining which 14 organizations should be classified as science and innovation companies.

15 2. Notwithstanding section 23.250 to the contrary, for each of the twenty-five funding 16 years, beginning July 1, 2012, subject to appropriation, the director of revenue shall transfer to the Missouri science and innovation reinvestment fund an amount not to exceed an amount equal 17 18 to the product of the applicable percentage multiplied by an amount equal to the increase in 19 aggregate science and innovation employees' gross wages for the prior fiscal year, over the base 20 year gross wages. The director of revenue may make estimated payments to the Missouri science 21 and innovation reinvestment fund more frequently based on estimates provided by the director 22 of revenue and reconciled annually.

23 3. Local political subdivisions may contribute to the Missouri science and innovation 24 reinvestment fund through a grant, contract, or loan by dedicating a portion of any sales tax or 25 property tax increase resulting from increases in science and innovation company economic 26 activity occurring after February 3, 2012, or other such taxes or fees as such local political 27 subdivisions may establish.] For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, any 28 taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the taxes otherwise due under chapter 147, 148, 29 or 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, in an amount 30 equal to fifty percent of the amount of an eligible donation, subject to the restrictions in 31 this section. The amount of the tax credit claimed shall not exceed the amount of the 32 taxpayer's state income tax liability in the tax year for which the credit is claimed. Any 33 amount of credit that the taxpayer is prohibited by this section from claiming in a tax year 34 shall not be refundable, but may be carried forward to any of the taxpayer's four 35 subsequent taxable years.

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36 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, in order to be 37 eligible to receive a tax credit authorized under this section, a taxpayer must file with the MTC a signed affidavit stating that the taxpayer does not own or hold any financial 38 39 interest in any entity to whom the MTC may disburse funds. Any credits issued to the 40 taxpayer under this section shall cease, and the taxpayer shall immediately submit payment 41 to the state general revenue fund in an amount equal to all credits previously issued to the 42 taxpayer less any amounts previously repaid, increased by an additional amount that shall 43 provide the state a reasonable rate of return in the event that the taxpayer submitted a 44 false affidavit under this section or has since acquired a financial interest in an entity to 45 whom the MTC disburses or has disbursed funds.

3. To claim the credit authorized in this section, the corporation shall submit to the department an application for the tax credit authorized by this section on behalf of taxpayers. The department shall verify that the corporation has submitted the following items accurately and completely:

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(1) A valid application in the form and format required by the department;

51 (2) A statement attesting to the eligible donation received, which shall include the 52 name and taxpayer identification number of the individual making the eligible donation, 53 the amount of the eligible donation, and the date the eligible donation was received by the 54 corporation; and

55 (3) Payment from the corporation equal to the value of the tax credit for which the 56 application is made. If the corporation's application meets all criteria required by this 57 subsection, the department shall issue a certificate in the appropriate amount.

4. Tax credits issued under this section may be assigned, transferred, sold, or otherwise conveyed, and the new owner of the tax credit shall have the same rights in the credit as the taxpayer. Whenever a certificate is assigned, transferred, sold, or otherwise conveyed, a notarized endorsement shall be filed with the department specifying the name and address of the new owner of the tax credit or the value of the credit.

63 [4.] **5.** Funding generated by the provisions of this section shall be expended by the 64 corporation to further its purposes as specified in section 348.256.

[5.] **6.** Upon enactment of this section, the corporation shall prepare a strategic plan for the use of the funding to be generated by the provisions of this section, and may consult with science and innovation partners, including but not limited to [the research alliance of Missouri, as established in section 348.257;] the life sciences research board established in section 196.1103[;] and the innovation centers or centers for advanced technology, as established in section 348.272. The corporation shall make a draft strategic plan available for public comment prior to publication of the final strategic plan.

72 7. The department may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this 73 section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is 74 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it 75 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, 76 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers 77 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective 78 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the 79 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2014, 80 shall be invalid and void.

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8. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

82 (1) The program authorized under this section shall expire six years after the 83 effective date of this act unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and

(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section
 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of this section; and

(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately
 following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.
 348.300. As used in sections 348.300 to 348.318, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Commercial activity located in Missouri", any research, development, prototype fabrication, and subsequent precommercialization activity, or any activity related thereto, 3 4 conducted in Missouri for the purpose of producing a service or a product or process for 5 manufacture, assembly or sale or developing a service based on such a product or process by any person, corporation, partnership, joint venture, unincorporated association, trust or other 6 organization doing business in Missouri. Subsequent to January 1, 1999, a commercial activity 7 8 located in Missouri shall mean only such activity that is located within a distressed community, 9 as defined in section 135.530;

10 (2) "Follow-up capital", capital provided to a commercial activity located in Missouri 11 in which a qualified fund has previously invested seed capital or start-up capital and which does 12 not exceed ten times the amount of such seed and start-up capital;

(3) "Person", any individual, corporation, partnership, or other entity, including any
charitable corporation which is exempt from federal income tax and whose Missouri unrelated
business taxable income, if any, would be subject to the state income tax imposed under chapter
143;

(4) "Qualified contribution", cash contribution to a qualified fund;

18 (5) "Qualified economic development organization", any corporation organized under 19 the provisions of chapter 355 which has as of January 1, 1991, obtained a contract with the 20 department of economic development to operate an innovation center to promote, assist and

coordinate the research and development of new services, products or processes in the state of
Missouri; and the Missouri technology corporation organized pursuant to the provisions of
sections [348.250] 348.251 to 348.275;

24 "Qualified fund", any corporation, partnership, joint venture, unincorporated (6) 25 association, trust or other organization which is established under the laws of Missouri after 26 December 31, 1985, which meets all of the following requirements established by this 27 subdivision. The fund shall have as its sole purpose and business the making of investments, of 28 which at least ninety percent of the dollars invested shall be qualified investments. The fund 29 shall enter into a contract with one or more qualified economic development organizations which 30 shall entitle the qualified economic development organizations to receive not less than ten 31 percent of all distributions of equity and dividends or other earnings of the fund. Such contracts 32 shall require the qualified fund to transfer to the Missouri technology corporation organized 33 pursuant to the provisions of sections [348.250] 348.251 to 348.275 this interest and make 34 corresponding distributions thereto in the event the qualified economic development organization holding such interest is dissolved or ceases to do business for a period of one year or more; 35

(7) "Qualified investment", any investment of seed capital, start-up capital, or follow-up
 capital in any commercial activity located in Missouri;

(8) "Seed capital", capital provided to a commercial activity located in Missouri for
 research, development and precommercialization activities to prove a concept for a new product
 or process or service, and for activities related thereto;

41 (9) "Start-up capital", capital provided to a commercial activity located in Missouri for
42 use in preproduction product development or service development or initial marketing thereof,
43 and for activities related thereto;

44 (10) "State tax liability", any state tax liability incurred by a taxpayer under the 45 provisions of chapters 143, 147 and 148, exclusive of the provisions relating to the withholding 46 of tax as provided for in sections 143.191 to 143.265 and related provisions;

47 (11) "Uninvested capital", the amount of any distribution, other than of earnings, by a 48 qualified fund made within five years of the issuance of a certificate of tax credit as provided by 49 sections 348.300 to 348.318; or the portion of all qualified contributions to a qualified fund 50 which are not invested as qualified investments within five years of the issuance of a certificate 51 of tax credit as provided by sections 348.300 to 348.318 to the extent that the amount not so 52 invested exceeds ten percent of all such qualified contributions.

[348.300. As used in sections 348.300 to 348.318, the following terms mean:

3 (1) "Commercial activity located in Missouri", any research, 4 development, prototype fabrication, and subsequent precommercialization 5 activity, or any activity related thereto, conducted in Missouri for the purpose of

6 producing a service or a product or process for manufacture, assembly or sale or 7 developing a service based on such a product or process by any person, 8 corporation, partnership, joint venture, unincorporated association, trust or other 9 organization doing business in Missouri. Subsequent to January 1, 1999, a 10 commercial activity located in Missouri shall mean only such activity that is 11 located within a distressed community, as defined in section 135.530;

(2) "Follow-up capital", capital provided to a commercial activity located in Missouri in which a qualified fund has previously invested seed capital or start-up capital and which does not exceed ten times the amount of such seed and start-up capital;

(3) "Person", any individual, corporation, partnership, or other entity,
including any charitable corporation which is exempt from federal income tax
and whose Missouri unrelated business taxable income, if any, would be subject
to the state income tax imposed under chapter 143;

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(4) "Qualified contribution", cash contribution to a qualified fund;

(5) "Qualified economic development organization", any corporation
organized under the provisions of chapter 355 which has as of January 1, 1991,
obtained a contract with the department of economic development to operate an
innovation center to promote, assist and coordinate the research and development
of new services, products or processes in the state of Missouri; and the Missouri
technology corporation organized pursuant to the provisions of sections 348.253
to 348.266;

28 "Qualified fund", any corporation, partnership, joint venture, (6)unincorporated association, trust or other organization which is established under 29 30 the laws of Missouri after December 31, 1985, which meets all of the following 31 requirements established by this subdivision. The fund shall have as its sole 32 purpose and business the making of investments, of which at least ninety percent 33 of the dollars invested shall be qualified investments. The fund shall enter into 34 a contract with one or more qualified economic development organizations which 35 shall entitle the qualified economic development organizations to receive not less than ten percent of all distributions of equity and dividends or other earnings of 36 37 the fund. Such contracts shall require the qualified fund to transfer to the Missouri technology corporation organized pursuant to the provisions of sections 38 39 348.253 to 348.266 this interest and make corresponding distributions thereto in 40 the event the qualified economic development organization holding such interest 41 is dissolved or ceases to do business for a period of one year or more;

42 (7) "Qualified investment", any investment of seed capital, start-up 43 capital, or follow-up capital in any commercial activity located in Missouri;

44 (8) "Seed capital", capital provided to a commercial activity located in 45 Missouri for research, development and precommercialization activities to prove 46 a concept for a new product or process or service, and for activities related 47 thereto; 51 52

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48 (9) "Start-up capital", capital provided to a commercial activity located 49 in Missouri for use in preproduction product development or service development 50 or initial marketing thereof, and for activities related thereto;

- (10) "State tax liability", any state tax liability incurred by a taxpayer under the provisions of chapters 143, 147 and 148, exclusive of the provisions relating to the withholding of tax as provided for in sections 143.191 to 143.265 and related provisions;
- (11) "Uninvested capital", the amount of any distribution, other than of earnings, by a qualified fund made within five years of the issuance of a certificate of tax credit as provided by sections 348.300 to 348.318; or the portion of all qualified contributions to a qualified fund which are not invested as qualified investments within five years of the issuance of a certificate of tax credit as provided by sections 348.300 to 348.318 to the extent that the amount not so invested exceeds ten percent of all such qualified contributions.]
  - [348.250. Sections 348.250 to 348.275 shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act".]
  - [348.269. 1. Nothing contained in sections 348.250 to 348.275 shall be construed as a restriction or limitation upon any powers that the corporation might otherwise have under chapter 355, and the provisions of sections 348.250 to 348.275 are cumulative to such powers.
- 2. Nothing in sections 348.250 to 348.275 shall be construed as allowing the board to sell the corporation or substantially all of the assets of the corporation, or to merge the corporation with another institution, without prior authorization by the general assembly.
- 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 23.253 to the contrary, the provisions of sections 348.250 to 348.275 shall not sunset.
- 4. The provisions of sections 348.250 to 348.275 shall not terminate before the satisfaction of all outstanding obligations, notes, and bonds provided for under sections 348.250 to 348.275.
- 14 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof is held invalid, the 15 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be 16 given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable. Insofar as the provisions of sections 348.250 to 348.275 are inconsistent with the provisions of any other law, general, specific 18 19 or local, the provisions of sections 348.250 to 348.275 shall be controlling.]
- [348.271. 1. In order to foster the growth of Missouri's economy and to 2 stimulate the creation of new jobs in science and innovation-based industry for 3 the state's work force, the Missouri technology corporation, in accordance with 4 the provisions of this section and within the limits of appropriations therefor, is 5 authorized to contract with Missouri not-for-profit corporations for the operation

6 of innovation centers within the state. The primary emphasis of some, if not of 7 all, innovation centers, shall be in the areas of science and innovation-based 8 business ventures. Such assistance may include the provision of facilities, 9 equipment, administrative and managerial support, planning assistance, and such 10 other services and programs that enhance the development of such ventures and 11 such assistance may be provided for fees or other consideration.

12 2. The innovation centers operated under this section shall counsel and 13 assist the new science and innovation-based business ventures in finding a 14 suitable site in the state of Missouri for location of the business upon its graduation from the innovation program. Each innovation center shall annually 15 16 submit a report of its activities to the department of economic development and 17 the Missouri technology corporation which shall include, but not be limited to, the success rate of the businesses graduating from the center, the progress and 18 19 locations of businesses which have graduated from the center, the types of businesses which have graduated from the center, and the number of jobs created 20 21 by the businesses involved in the center.

3. Any contract signed between the corporation and any not-for-profit
organization to operate an innovation center in accordance with the provisions
of this section shall require that the not-for-profit organization must provide at
least a one hundred percent match for the funding received from the corporation
pursuant to appropriation therefor.]

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