

CCS HCS SCS SB 492 -- HIGHER EDUCATION

This bill changes the laws regarding higher education.

TEACHER TRAINING (Section 161.097, RSMo)

The bill changes the laws regarding the approval of teacher training programs in higher education institutions. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Establishes the Missouri Advisory Board for Educator Preparation within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to advise the State Board of Education and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education on matters of mutual interest in quality educator preparation programs; and
- (2) Repeals an obsolete provision that allows the State Board of Education to accredit a law school and requires any graduate to be allowed to take the examination for admission to the Missouri Bar.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES (Section 163.191)

In addition to technical changes, the bill requires, beginning in Fiscal Year 2016, that at least 90% of any increase in core funding over the appropriated amount for the previous fiscal year be distributed in accordance with the achievement of performance-funding measures under Section 173.1006 unless the General Assembly chooses to otherwise appropriate state funding. The bill adds the Governor and the Joint Committee on Education to those to whom the Department of Higher Education must submit a report evaluating the effectiveness of the resource allocation model by October 31, 2019, and every four years thereafter.

MISSOURI SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS INITIATIVE (Sections 173.670 - 173.680)

The Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Initiative is expanded to require the Department of Higher Education to develop a grant process for Missouri public two- and four-year higher education institutions and school districts that have entered into articulation agreements to offer information technology certification through technical course work leading to postsecondary academic credit. The department must develop a program to offer information technology certification through technical course work to students enrolled in a public high school that has entered into an articulation agreement with a Missouri public two- or four-year higher education institution. The program must provide instruction on skills and competencies essential for the workplace and requested by employers that includes specified

components. The department must conduct a study to identify the information technology industry certifications most frequently requested by Missouri employers by January 31, 2015, and provide a report on its findings to the President Pro Tem of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Joint Committee on Education, Governor, Coordinating Board for Higher Education, and State Board of Education.

INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES (Section 173.1006)

The bill replaces provisions regarding performance measures with the performance measures that have been developed subsequently. Each institution must utilize the five institutional performance measures that were approved by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education and adopt an additional measure concerning job placement in a field or position associated with the student's degree level and pursuit of a graduate degree. The job placement measure may not be used in any year when the state's unemployment rate has risen from the previous year. The board must evaluate and revise, if necessary, the measures every three years beginning in 2019 or more frequently at the board's discretion, and the Department of Higher Education must evaluate the effect of the measures on statewide postsecondary, higher education, and workforce goals and submit a report to the Governor, Joint Committee on Education, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President Pro Tem of the Senate by October 31, 2019, and every four years thereafter.

FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION (Section 173.1540)

Each year, each public four-year higher education institution must prepare a budget request and submit it to the Department of Higher Education for review and recommendations for appropriations. The four-year institutions must cooperatively develop and revise an increase allocation model which the department must recommend to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education for approval by October 31, 2014. The core-funding level for each institution will be the appropriated amount for Fiscal Year 2015, and increases must be incorporated into the base starting with Fiscal Year 2016. Unless otherwise provided by the General Assembly during the appropriations process, at least 90% of any increase over the base year must be distributed in accordance with the performance funding model, and no more than 10% of any increase over the base can be distributed through any combination of full-time equivalency or other agreed-upon basis to address inequity and weighted full-time equivalent credit hours to provide enrollment, program offerings, and mission sensitivity on an on-going basis. The department must submit, by October 31, 2019, and every four years thereafter, a report to the Governor, Joint Committee on Education, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President Pro Tem of the Senate

evaluating the effectiveness of the increase allocation model.

STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF MISSOURI (Section 178.638)

Unless the General Assembly chooses to otherwise appropriate state funding, the bill specifies that, beginning in Fiscal Year 2016, at least 90% of any annual increase in core funding over the previous year must also be distributed to the State Technical College of Missouri in accordance with the performance-funding measures.

LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARIAN STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM (Sections 340.381 and 340.396)

The Large Animal Veterinary Student Loan Program is renamed the Dr. Merrill Townley Large Animal Veterinary Student Loan Program, and the expiration date of the provisions regarding the program are repealed.