

## HB 2655 -- ACADEMIC EVENT INCOME TAX CREDIT

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This bill authorizes an income tax credit for the eligible costs of bringing an academic event to Missouri. In order to receive the tax credit, the Department of Economic Development must certify the applicant's eligible event support contract between the applicant and a site selection organization. These organizations are specified in the bill and include, but are not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the United States Olympic Committee, and the United States Golf Association. The bill adds the Mathematical Association of America, the National Academic Quiz Tournaments, LLC, the National Speech & Debate Association, the National Spelling Bee, the US Chess Federation, and any other regional, national, or international academic or educational organization to the list of eligible site selection organizations.

The applicant must submit documentation of the eligible costs within 30 days of the conclusion of the sporting event. Within seven days of the conclusion of the sporting event, the department, in consultation with the Director of the Department of Revenue, may determine the total number of tickets sold at face value for the sporting event. Within 60 days of receiving the documentation from the applicant of the eligible costs, the department may issue a refundable tax credit equal to 100% of the eligible costs or an amount equal to \$5 multiplied by the average number of paid participants multiplied by the number of days from the first to the last day of the event, whichever is less. The tax credit may be transferred, sold, or assigned. No more than \$10 million of these tax credits can be issued by the department in any fiscal year. In any fiscal year, no more than \$8 million in tax credits can be available to all applicants that submit support contracts for sporting events to be held in St. Louis City or Jackson County.

The department can only certify a support contract for a sporting event if the site selection organization has not yet selected a location for the sporting event as of December 1, 2012. The department can only certify a support contract for an academic event if the site selection organization has not yet selected a location for the academic event as of December 1, 2016. The department cannot certify a contract after August 28, 2022, but can certify a contract before that date for a sporting event that will be held after that date.

This bill also authorizes an income tax credit to a taxpayer equal to 50% of any eligible donation to a certified sponsor or local organizing committee. The credit is not refundable but can be carried forward up to two years. The credit may also be sold,

transferred, assigned, or otherwise conveyed. No more than \$10 million of these tax credits can be issued by the department in any fiscal year.

The bill ends with a sunset provision.