

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 355,
2 Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "163.191. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

5 (1) "Community college", an institution of higher education deriving financial resources
6 from local, state, and federal sources, and providing postsecondary education primarily for persons
7 above the twelfth grade age level, including courses in:

8 (a) Liberal arts and sciences, including general education;

9 (b) Occupational, vocational-technical; and

10 (c) A variety of educational community services.
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12 Community college course offerings shall generally lead to the granting of certificates, diplomas, or
13 associate degrees, [but do not] and may include baccalaureate [or higher] degrees only when
14 authorized by the coordinating board for higher education in circumstances where the level of
15 education required in a field for accreditation or licensure increases to the baccalaureate degree level
16 or, in the case of applied bachelor's degrees, the level of education required for employment in a
17 field increases to that level, and when doing so would not unnecessarily duplicate an existing
18 program, collaboration with a university is not feasible or the approach is not a viable means of
19 meeting the needs of students and employers, and the institution has the academic and financial
20 capacity to offer the program in a high-quality manner. Quality for such baccalaureate degree
21 programs shall be evaluated at least in part by the delivery of upper-level coursework or
22 competencies, and defined by accreditation or compliance with the Higher Learning Commission
23 standards for bachelor's degrees;

24 (2) "Operating costs", all costs attributable to current operations, including all direct costs of
25 instruction, instructors' and counselors' compensation, administrative costs, all normal operating
26 costs and all similar noncapital expenditures during any year, excluding costs of construction of
27 facilities and the purchase of equipment, furniture, and other capital items authorized and funded in
28 accordance with subsection 6 of this section. Operating costs shall be computed in accordance with
29 accounting methods and procedures to be specified by the department of higher education;

30 (3) "Year", from July first to June thirtieth of the following year.

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1 2. Each year public community colleges in the aggregate shall be eligible to receive from
2 state funds, if state funds are available and appropriated, an amount up to but not more than fifty
3 percent of the state community colleges' planned operating costs as determined by the department of
4 higher education. The department of higher education shall review all institutional budget requests
5 and prepare appropriation recommendations annually for the community colleges under the
6 supervision of the department. The department's budget request shall include a recommended level
7 of funding.

8 3. (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, distribution of appropriated
9 funds to community college districts shall be in accordance with the community college resource
10 allocation model. This model shall be developed and revised as appropriate cooperatively by the
11 community colleges and the department of higher education. The department of higher education
12 shall recommend the model to the coordinating board for higher education for their approval. The
13 core funding level for each community college shall initially be established at an amount agreed
14 upon by the community colleges and the department of higher education. This amount will be
15 adjusted annually for inflation, limited growth, and program improvements in accordance with the
16 resource allocation model starting with fiscal year 1993.

17 (2) Unless the general assembly chooses to otherwise appropriate state funding, beginning
18 in fiscal year 2016, at least ninety percent of any increase in core funding over the appropriated
19 amount for the previous fiscal year shall be distributed in accordance with the achievement of
20 performance-funding measures under section 173.1006.

21 4. The department of higher education shall be responsible for evaluating the effectiveness
22 of the resource allocation model and shall submit a report to the governor, the joint committee on
23 education, the speaker of the house of representatives and president pro tempore of the senate by
24 October 31, 2019, and every four years thereafter.

25 5. The department of higher education shall request new and separate state aid funds for any
26 new community college district for its first six years of operation. The request for the new district
27 shall be based upon the same level of funding being provided to the existing districts, and should be
28 sufficient to provide for the growth required to reach a mature enrollment level.

29 6. In addition to state funds received for operating purposes, each community college
30 district shall be eligible to receive an annual appropriation, exclusive of any capital appropriations,
31 for the cost of maintenance and repair of facilities and grounds, including surface parking areas, and
32 purchases of equipment and furniture. Such funds shall not exceed in any year an amount equal to
33 ten percent of the state appropriations, exclusive of any capital appropriations, to community
34 college districts for operating purposes during the most recently completed fiscal year. The
35 department of higher education may include in its annual appropriations request the necessary funds
36 to implement the provisions of this subsection and when appropriated shall distribute the funds to
37 each community college district as appropriated. The department of higher education
38 appropriations request shall be for specific maintenance, repair, and equipment projects at specific
39 community college districts, shall be in an amount of fifty percent of the cost of a given project as
40 determined by the coordinating board and shall be only for projects which have been approved by
41 the coordinating board through a process of application, evaluation, and approval as established by

the coordinating board. The coordinating board, as part of its process of application, evaluation, and approval, shall require the community college district to provide proof that the fifty-percent share of funding to be defrayed by the district is either on hand or committed for maintenance, repair, and equipment projects. Only salaries or portions of salaries paid which are directly related to approved projects may be used as a part of the fifty-percent share of funding.

7. School districts offering two-year college courses pursuant to section 178.370 on October 31, 1961, shall receive state aid pursuant to subsection 2, subdivision (1) of subsection 3, and subsection 6 of this section if all scholastic standards established pursuant to sections 178.770 to 178.890 are met.

8. In order to make postsecondary educational opportunities available to Missouri residents who do not reside in an existing community college district, community colleges organized pursuant to section 178.370 or sections 178.770 to 178.890 shall be authorized pursuant to the funding provisions of this section to offer courses and programs outside the community college district with prior approval by the coordinating board for higher education. The classes conducted outside the district shall be self-sustaining except that the coordinating board shall promulgate rules to reimburse selected out-of-district instruction only where prior need has been established in geographical areas designated by the coordinating board for higher education. Funding for such off-campus instruction shall be included in the appropriation recommendations, shall be determined by the general assembly and shall continue, within the amounts appropriated therefor, unless the general assembly disapproves the action by concurrent resolution.

9. When distributing state aid authorized for community colleges, the state treasurer may, in any year if requested by a community college, disregard the provision in section 30.180 requiring the state treasurer to convert the warrant requesting payment into a check or draft and wire transfer the amount to be distributed to the community college directly to the community college's designated deposit for credit to the community college's account.

172.280. The curators shall have the authority to confer, by diploma, under their common seal, on any person whom they may judge worthy thereof, such degrees as are known to and usually granted by any college or university. The University of Missouri is the state's only public research university and the exclusive grantor of research doctorates. As such, except as provided in section 175.040, the University of Missouri shall be the only state college or university that may offer doctor of philosophy degrees or first-professional degrees, including chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, podiatry, and veterinary medicine.

173.005. 1. There is hereby created a "Department of Higher Education", and the division of higher education of the department of education is abolished and all its powers, duties, functions, personnel and property are transferred as provided by the Reorganization Act of 1974, Appendix B, RSMo.

2. The commission on higher education is abolished and all its powers, duties, personnel and property are transferred by type I transfer to the "Coordinating Board for Higher Education", which is hereby created, and the coordinating board shall be the head of the department. The coordinating board shall consist of nine members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, and not more than five of its members shall be of the same political party.

None of the members shall be engaged professionally as an educator or educational administrator with a public or private institution of higher education at the time appointed or during his term. Moreover, no person shall be appointed to the coordinating board who shall not be a citizen of the United States, and who shall not have been a resident of the state of Missouri two years next prior to appointment, and at least one but not more than two persons shall be appointed to said board from each congressional district. The term of service of a member of the coordinating board shall be six years and said members, while attending the meetings of the board, shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, nothing in this section relating to a change in the composition and configuration of congressional districts in this state shall prohibit a member who is serving a term on August 28, 2011, from completing his or her term. The coordinating board may, in order to carry out the duties prescribed for it in subsections 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8 of this section, employ such professional, clerical and research personnel as may be necessary to assist it in performing those duties, but this staff shall not, in any fiscal year, exceed twenty-five full-time equivalent employees regardless of the source of funding. In addition to all other powers, duties and functions transferred to it, the coordinating board for higher education shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) The coordinating board for higher education [shall have approval of] may approve, not approve, or provisionally approve proposed new degree programs to be offered by the state institutions of higher education. The coordinating board may authorize a degree program outside an institution's coordinating board-approved mission only when the coordinating board has received clear evidence that the institution proposing to offer the program:

(a) Made a good-faith effort to explore the feasibility of offering the program in collaboration with an institution the mission of which includes offering the program;

(b) Is contributing substantially to the goals in the coordinating board's coordinated plan for higher education;

(c) Has the existing capacity to ensure the program is delivered in a high-quality manner;

(d) Has demonstrated that the proposed program is needed;

(e) Has a clear plan to meet the articulated workforce need; and

(f) Such other factors deemed relevant by the coordinating board;

(2) The coordinating board for higher education may promote and encourage the development of cooperative agreements between Missouri public four-year institutions of higher education which do not offer graduate degrees and Missouri public four-year institutions of higher education which do offer graduate degrees for the purpose of offering graduate degree programs on campuses of those public four-year institutions of higher education which do not otherwise offer graduate degrees. Such agreements shall identify the obligations and duties of the parties, including assignment of administrative responsibility. Any diploma awarded for graduate degrees under such a cooperative agreement shall include the names of both institutions inscribed thereon. Any cooperative agreement in place as of August 28, 2003, shall require no further approval from the coordinating board for higher education. Any costs incurred with respect to the administrative provisions of this subdivision may be paid from state funds allocated to the institution assigned the administrative authority for the program. The provisions of this subdivision shall not be construed

1 to invalidate the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection;

2 (3) In consultation with the heads of the institutions of higher education affected and against
3 a background of carefully collected data on enrollment, physical facilities, manpower needs,
4 institutional missions, the coordinating board for higher education shall establish guidelines for
5 appropriation requests by those institutions of higher education; however, other provisions of the
6 Reorganization Act of 1974 notwithstanding, all funds shall be appropriated by the general
7 assembly to the governing board of each public four-year institution of higher education which shall
8 prepare expenditure budgets for the institution;

9 (4) No new state-supported senior colleges or residence centers shall be established except
10 as provided by law and with approval of the coordinating board for higher education;

11 (5) The coordinating board for higher education shall establish admission guidelines
12 consistent with institutional missions;

13 (6) The coordinating board for higher education shall require all public two-year and four-
14 year higher education institutions to replicate best practices in remediation identified by the
15 coordinating board and institutions from research undertaken by regional educational laboratories,
16 higher education research organizations, and similar organizations with expertise in the subject, and
17 identify and reduce methods that have been found to be ineffective in preparing or retaining students
18 or that delay students from enrollment in college-level courses;

19 (7) The coordinating board shall establish policies and procedures for institutional decisions
20 relating to the residence status of students;

21 (8) The coordinating board shall establish guidelines to promote and facilitate the transfer of
22 students between institutions of higher education within the state and, with the assistance of the
23 committee on transfer and articulation, shall require all public two-year and four-year higher
24 education institutions to create by July 1, 2014, a statewide core transfer library of at least twenty-
25 five lower division courses across all institutions that are transferable among all public higher
26 education institutions. The coordinating board shall establish policies and procedures to ensure such
27 courses are accepted in transfer among public institutions and treated as equivalent to similar
28 courses at the receiving institutions. The coordinating board shall develop a policy to foster reverse
29 transfer for any student who has accumulated enough hours in combination with at least one public
30 higher education institution in Missouri that offers an associate degree and one public four-year
31 higher education institution in the prescribed courses sufficient to meet the public higher education
32 institution's requirements to be awarded an associate degree. The department of elementary and
33 secondary education shall maintain the alignment of the assessments found in section 160.518 and
34 successor assessments with the competencies previously established under this subdivision for entry-
35 level collegiate courses in English, mathematics, foreign language, sciences, and social sciences
36 associated with an institution's general education core;

37 (9) The coordinating board shall collect the necessary information and develop comparable
38 data for all institutions of higher education in the state. The coordinating board shall use this
39 information to delineate the areas of competence of each of these institutions and for any other
40 purposes deemed appropriate by the coordinating board;

41 (10) Compliance with requests from the coordinating board for institutional information and

1 the other powers, duties and responsibilities, herein assigned to the coordinating board, shall be a
2 prerequisite to the receipt of any funds which the coordinating board is responsible for
3 administering;

4 (11) If any institution of higher education in this state, public or private, willfully fails or
5 refuses to follow any lawful guideline, policy or procedure established or prescribed by the
6 coordinating board, or knowingly deviates from any such guideline, or knowingly acts without
7 coordinating board approval where such approval is required, or willfully fails to comply with any
8 other lawful order of the coordinating board, the coordinating board may, after a public hearing,
9 withhold or direct to be withheld from that institution any funds the disbursement of which is
10 subject to the control of the coordinating board, or may remove the approval of the institution as an
11 approved institution within the meaning of section 173.1102. If any such public institution willfully
12 disregards board policy, the commissioner of higher education may order such institution to remit a
13 fine in an amount not to exceed one percent of the institution's current fiscal year state operating
14 appropriation to the board. The board shall hold such funds until such time that the institution, as
15 determined by the commissioner of higher education, corrects the violation, at which time the board
16 shall refund such amount to the institution. If the commissioner determines that the institution has
17 not redressed the violation within one year, the fine amount shall be deposited into the general
18 revenue fund, unless the institution appeals such decision to the full coordinating board, which shall
19 have the authority to make a binding and final decision, by means of a majority vote, regarding the
20 matter. However, nothing in this section shall prevent any institution of higher education in this
21 state from presenting additional budget requests or from explaining or further clarifying its budget
22 requests to the governor or the general assembly;

23 (12) In recognition of institutions that meet the requirements of subdivision (2), (3), or (4)
24 of subsection 1 of section 173.616, are established by name as an educational institution in
25 Missouri, and are authorized to operate programs beyond secondary education for purposes of
26 authorization under 34 CFR 600.9, the coordinating board for higher education shall maintain and
27 publish on its website a list of such postsecondary educational institutions; and

28 (13) (a) As used in this subdivision, the term "out-of-state public institution of higher
29 education" shall mean an education institution located outside of Missouri that:

30 a. Is controlled or administered directly by a public agency or political subdivision or is
31 classified as a public institution by the state;

32 b. Receives appropriations for operating expenses directly or indirectly from a state other
33 than Missouri;

34 c. Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at least six months in length leading to or
35 directly creditable toward a degree or certificate;

36 d. Meets the standards for accreditation by an accrediting body recognized by the United
37 States Department of Education or any successor agency; and

38 e. Permits faculty members to select textbooks without influence or pressure by any
39 religious or sectarian source.

40 (b) No later than July 1, 2008, the coordinating board shall promulgate rules regarding:

41 a. The board's approval process of proposed new degree programs and course offerings by

1 any out-of-state public institution of higher education seeking to offer degree programs or course
2 work within the state of Missouri; and

3 b. The board's approval process of degree programs and courses offered by any out-of-state
4 public institutions of higher education that, prior to July 1, 2008, were approved by the board to
5 operate a school in compliance with the provisions of sections 173.600 to 173.618. The rules shall
6 ensure that, as of July 1, 2008, all out-of-state public institutions seeking to offer degrees and
7 courses within the state of Missouri are evaluated in a manner similar to Missouri public higher
8 education institutions. Such out-of-state public institutions shall be held to standards no lower than
9 the standards established by the coordinating board for program approval and the policy guidelines
10 of the coordinating board for data collection, cooperation, and resolution of disputes between
11 Missouri institutions of higher education under this section. Any such out-of-state public
12 institutions of higher education wishing to continue operating within this state must be approved by
13 the board under the rules promulgated under this subdivision. The coordinating board may charge
14 and collect fees from out-of-state public institutions to cover the costs of reviewing and assuring the
15 quality of programs offered by out-of-state public institutions. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that
16 term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall
17 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if
18 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
19 vested with the general assembly under chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
20 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
21 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

22 (c) Nothing in this subdivision or in section 173.616 shall be construed or interpreted so that
23 students attending an out-of-state public institution are considered to be attending a Missouri public
24 institution of higher education for purposes of obtaining student financial assistance.

25 3. The coordinating board shall meet at least four times annually with an advisory
26 committee who shall be notified in advance of such meetings. The coordinating board shall have
27 exclusive voting privileges. The advisory committee shall consist of thirty-two members, who shall
28 be the president or other chief administrative officer of the University of Missouri; the chancellor of
29 each campus of the University of Missouri; the president of each state-supported four-year college
30 or university, including Harris-Stowe State University, Missouri Southern State University, Missouri
31 Western State University, and Lincoln University; the president of State Technical College of
32 Missouri; the president or chancellor of each public community college district; and representatives
33 of each of five accredited private institutions selected biennially, under the supervision of the
34 coordinating board, by the presidents of all of the state's privately supported institutions; but always
35 to include at least one representative from one privately supported community college, one privately
36 supported four-year college, and one privately supported university. The conferences shall enable
37 the committee to advise the coordinating board of the views of the institutions on matters within the
38 purview of the coordinating board.

39 4. The University of Missouri, Lincoln University, and all other state-governed colleges and
40 universities, chapters 172, 174, 175, and others, are transferred by type III transfers to the
41 department of higher education subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.

1 5. The state historical society, chapter 183, is transferred by type III transfer to the
2 University of Missouri.

3 6. The state anatomical board, chapter 194, is transferred by type II transfer to the
4 department of higher education.

5 7. All the powers, duties and functions vested in the division of public schools and state
6 board of education relating to community college state aid and the supervision, formation of
7 districts and all matters otherwise related to the state's relations with community college districts
8 and matters pertaining to community colleges in public school districts, chapters 163, 178, and
9 others, are transferred to the coordinating board for higher education by type I transfer. Provided,
10 however, that all responsibility for administering the federal-state programs of vocational-technical
11 education, except for the 1202a postsecondary educational amendments of 1972 program, shall
12 remain with the department of elementary and secondary education. The department of elementary
13 and secondary education and the coordinating board for higher education shall cooperate in
14 developing the various plans for vocational-technical education; however, the ultimate responsibility
15 will remain with the state board of education.

16 8. All the powers, duties, functions, and properties of the state poultry experiment station,
17 chapter 262, are transferred by type I transfer to the University of Missouri, and the state poultry
18 association and state poultry board are abolished. In the event the University of Missouri shall cease
19 to use the real estate of the poultry experiment station for the purposes of research or shall declare
20 the same surplus, all real estate shall revert to the governor of the state of Missouri and shall not be
21 disposed of without legislative approval.

22 174.160. The board of regents of each state college and each state teachers college shall
23 have power and authority to confer upon students, by diploma under the common seal, such degrees
24 as are usually granted by such colleges, and additional degrees only when authorized by the
25 coordinating board for higher education in circumstances in which offering such degree would not
26 unnecessarily duplicate an existing program, collaboration is not feasible or a viable means of
27 meeting the needs of students and employers, and the institution has the academic and financial
28 capacity to offer the program in a high-quality manner. In the case of nonresearch doctoral degrees
29 in allied health professions, an institution may be authorized to offer such degree independently if
30 offering it in collaboration with another institution would not increase the quality of the program or
31 allow it to be delivered more efficiently. Such boards shall have the power and authority to confer
32 degrees in engineering only in collaboration with the University of Missouri, provided that such
33 collaborative agreements are approved by the governing board of each institution and that in these
34 instances the University of Missouri will be the degree-granting institution. Should the University
35 of Missouri decline to collaborate in the offering of such programs, one of these institutions may
36 seek approval of the program through the coordinating board for higher education's comprehensive
37 review process when doing so would not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program, collaboration
38 is not feasible or a viable means of meeting the needs of students and employers, and the institution
39 has the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in a high-quality manner.

40 174.225. [Missouri State University] No state college or university shall [not] seek the land
41 grant designation held by Lincoln University and the University of Missouri [nor shall Missouri

State University seek] or the research designation currently held by the University of Missouri. [Missouri State University shall offer engineering programs and doctoral programs only in cooperation with the University of Missouri; provided that such cooperative agreements are approved by the governing boards of each institution and that in these instances the University of Missouri shall be the degree-granting institution. Should the University of Missouri decline to cooperate in the offering of such programs within one year of the formal approval of the coordinating board, Missouri State University may cooperate with another educational institution, or directly offer the degree. In all cases, the offering of such degree programs shall be subject to the approval of the coordinating board for higher education, or any other higher education governing authority that may replace it. Missouri State University may offer doctoral programs in audiology and physical therapy. Missouri State University shall neither offer nor duplicate the professional programs at the University of Missouri including, without limitation, those that train medical doctors, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, optometrists, lawyers, and architects. The alteration of the name of Southwest Missouri State University to Missouri State University shall not entitle Missouri State University to any additional state funding.]

174.231. 1. On and after August 28, 2005, the institution formerly known as Missouri Southern State College located in Joplin, Jasper County, shall be known as "Missouri Southern State University". Missouri Southern State University is hereby designated and shall hereafter be operated as a statewide institution of international or global education. The Missouri Southern State University is hereby designated a moderately selective institution which shall provide associate degree programs except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, baccalaureate degree programs, and graduate degree programs pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection 2 of section 173.005. The institution shall develop such academic support programs and public service activities it deems necessary and appropriate to establish international or global education as a distinctive theme of its mission. [Consistent with the provisions of section 174.324, Missouri Southern State University is authorized to offer master's level degree programs in accountancy, subject to the approval of the coordinating board for higher education as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of section 173.005.]

2. As of July 1, 2008, Missouri Southern State University shall discontinue any and all associate degree programs unless the continuation of such associate degree programs is approved by the coordinating board for higher education pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of section 173.005.

174.251. 1. On and after August 28, 2005, the institution formerly known as Missouri Western State College at St. Joseph, Buchanan County, shall hereafter be known as the "Missouri Western State University". Missouri Western State University is hereby designated and shall hereafter be operated as a statewide institution of applied learning. The Missouri Western State University is hereby designated an open enrollment institution which shall provide associate degree programs except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, baccalaureate degree programs, and graduate degree programs pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection 2 of section 173.005. The institution shall develop such academic support programs as it deems necessary and appropriate to an open enrollment institution with a statewide mission of applied learning. [Consistent with the

1 provisions of section 174.324, Missouri Western State University is authorized to offer master's
2 level degree programs in accountancy, subject to the approval of the coordinating board for higher
3 education as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of section 173.005.]

4 2. As of July 1, 2010, Missouri Western State University shall discontinue any and all
5 associate degree programs unless the continuation of such associate degree program is approved by
6 the coordinating board for higher education pursuant to subdivision 2 of section 173.005.

7 174.500. 1. The board of governors of Missouri State University is authorized to continue
8 the program of higher education at West Plains, Missouri, which was begun in 1963 and which shall
9 be known as the "West Plains Campus of Missouri State University". Missouri State University
10 may include an appropriation request for the branch facility at West Plains in its operating budget.

11 2. The coordinating board for higher education in cooperation with the board of governors
12 shall develop a mission implementation plan for the campus at West Plains, Howell County, which
13 is known as the "West Plains Campus of Missouri State University", and which shall be a teaching
14 institution, offering one-year certificates, two-year associate degrees and credit and noncredit
15 courses to both traditional and nontraditional students to meet the ongoing and emerging employer
16 and educational needs of the citizens of the area served. The West Plains campus of Missouri State
17 University may offer baccalaureate degrees only when authorized by the coordinating board for
18 higher education in circumstances where the level of education required in a field for accreditation
19 or licensure increases to the baccalaureate degree level or, in the case of applied bachelor's degrees,
20 the level of education required for employment in a field increases to that level, and when doing so
21 would not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program, collaboration with a university is not
22 feasible or the approach is not a viable means of meeting the needs of students and employers, and
23 the institution has the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in a high-quality manner.
24 Quality for such baccalaureate degree programs shall be evaluated at least in part by delivery of
25 upper-level coursework or competencies, and defined by accreditation or compliance with the
26 Higher Learning Commission standards for bachelor's degrees.

27 178.636. 1. State Technical College of Missouri shall be a special purpose institution that
28 shall make available to students from all areas of the state exceptional educational opportunities
29 through highly specialized and advanced technical education and training at the certificate and
30 associate degree level in both emerging and traditional technologies with particular emphasis on
31 technical and vocational programs not commonly offered by community colleges or area vocational
32 technical schools. Primary consideration shall be placed on the industrial and technological
33 manpower needs of the state. In addition, State Technical College of Missouri is authorized to assist
34 the state in economic development initiatives and to facilitate the transfer of technology to Missouri
35 business and industry directly through the graduation of technicians in advanced and emerging
36 disciplines and through technical assistance provided to business and industry. State Technical
37 College of Missouri is authorized to provide technical assistance to area vocational technical schools
38 and community colleges through supplemental on-site instruction and distance learning as such area
39 vocational technical schools and community colleges deem appropriate.

40 2. Consistent with the mission statement provided in subsection 1 of this section, State
41 Technical College of Missouri shall offer vocational and technical programs leading to the granting

of certificates, diplomas, and applied science associate degrees, or a combination thereof[, but not including]. State Technical College of Missouri may offer associate of arts or baccalaureate [or higher] degrees only when authorized by the coordinating board for higher education in circumstances where the level of education required in a field for accreditation or licensure increases to the baccalaureate degree level or, in the case of applied bachelor's degrees, the level of education required for employment in a field increases to that level, and when doing so would not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program, collaboration with a university is not feasible or the approach is not a viable means of meeting the needs of students and employers, and the institution has the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in a high-quality manner. Quality for such baccalaureate degree programs shall be evaluated at least in part by delivery of upper-level coursework or competencies, and defined by accreditation or compliance with the Higher Learning Commission standards for bachelor's degrees. State Technical College of Missouri shall also continue its role as a recognized area vocational technical school as provided by policies and procedures of the state board of education."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 9, Section 227.447, Line 6, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

"[174.324. 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, Missouri Western State University and Missouri Southern State University may offer master's degrees in accounting, subject to any terms and conditions of the Missouri state board of accountancy applicable to any other institution of higher education in this state which offers such degrees, and subject to approval of the coordinating board for higher education.

2. Any new master's degree program offered at Missouri Southern State University, Missouri Western State University, or any other public institution of higher education in this state must be approved by the coordinating board for higher education pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 2 of section 173.005.]"; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.