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AN ACT

To repeal section 620.806, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to workforce development.

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

Section A. Section 620.806, RSMo, is repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 160.572, 168.024, and 620.806, to read as follows:

160.572. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "ACT assessment", the ACT assessment or the ACT Plus Writing assessment;

(2) "WorkKeys", the ACT WorkKeys assessments required for the National Career Readiness Certificate.

2. In any school year in which the department of elementary and secondary education directs a state-funded census administration of the ACT assessment to any group of students, any student who would be allowed or required to participate in the census administration shall receive the opportunity, on any date within three months before the census administration, to participate in a state-funded administration of WorkKeys.

3. Any student who participated in a state-funded administration of WorkKeys as described under subsection 2 of this section shall not participate in any state-funded census administration of the ACT assessment.

4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall not require school districts or charter schools to administer the ACT assessment to any student who participated in a state-funded administration of WorkKeys as described under subsection 2 of this section.

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.

168.024. 1. For purposes of this section, "local business externship" means an experience in which a teacher, supervised by his or her school or school district, gains practical experience at a business in the local community in which the teacher is employed through observation and interaction with employers and employees who are working on issues related to subjects taught by the teacher.

2. Any hours spent in a local business externship shall count as contact hours of professional development under section 168.021.

620.806. 1. The Missouri job development fund, formerly established in the state treasury by section 620.478, shall now be known as the "Missouri Works Job Development Fund" and shall be administered by the department for the training program. The fund shall consist of all moneys which may be appropriated to it by the general assembly and also any gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests received from federal, private or other sources, including, but not limited to, any block grant or other sources of funding relating to job training, school-to-work transition, welfare reform, vocational and technical training, housing, infrastructure, development, and human resource investment programs which may be provided by the federal government or other sources.

2. The department may provide financial assistance through the training program to qualified companies that create new jobs which will result in the need for training, or that make new capital investment relating directly to the retention of jobs in an amount at least five times greater than the amount of any financial assistance. Financial assistance may also be provided to a consortium of a **majority of** qualified companies organized to provide common training to the consortium members' employees. Funds in the Missouri works job development fund shall be appropriated, for financial assistance through the training program, by the general assembly to the department and shall be administered by a local educational agency certified by the department for such purpose. Except for state-sponsored preemployment training, no qualified company shall receive more than fifty percent of its training program costs from the Missouri works job development fund. No funds shall be awarded or reimbursed to any qualified company for the training, retraining, or upgrading of skills of potential employees with the purpose of replacing or supplanting employees engaged in an authorized work stoppage. Upon approval by the department, training project costs, except the purchase of training equipment and training facilities, shall be eligible for reimbursement with funds from the Missouri works job development fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no qualified company within a service industry shall be eligible for assistance under this subsection unless such qualified company provides services in interstate commerce, which shall mean that the qualified company derives a majority of its annual revenues from out of the state.

29 3. The department may provide assistance, through appropriations made from the
30 Missouri works job development fund, to business and technology centers. Such assistance shall
31 not include the lending of the state's credit for the payment of any liability of the fund. Such
32 centers may be established by Missouri community colleges, or state-owned postsecondary
33 technical colleges, to provide business and training services for growth industries as determined
34 by current labor market information.

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