### SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1811

# 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH (85).

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the transfer of college credits.

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

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be 2 known as section 173.1450, to read as follows:

173.1450. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known and may be referred to 2 as the "College Credit Disclosure Act".

2. Except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, institutions of higher education
located within the state that grant college-level credit but are not accredited by a regional
accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education shall disclose
during the admission application process, in writing, that the institution has not achieved
regional accreditation recognized by the department.

8 3. The disclosure required in subsection 2 of this section shall be provided to an 9 enrolling student prior to registering for any class granting credit, and the student shall 10 sign the disclosure, either in writing or electronically, acknowledging receipt of such 11 disclosure. The disclosure provided shall contain the following wording, in no less than 12 fourteen-point font:

13 "College level credits earned at (Institution name) may not be transferrable to other 14 higher learning/postsecondary learning institutions, including, but not limited to, 15 universities, colleges, junior colleges, community colleges, or trade schools accredited by 16 a regional accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Higher 17 Education.

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.

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- 18 **Contact the institution receiving the transferred credit(s) for more information."**.
- 19 4. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law, institutions of
- $20 \quad \text{higher education affiliated with religious organizations that are accredited by a national}$
- 21 faith-related accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of
- 22 Education shall be exempt from the disclosure requirements of this section.