

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Bill No. 575, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by inserting after all of said section and
2 line the following:

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4 "173.2505. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Dual Credit and STEM
5 Studies Enhancement Scholarship Act".

6 2. To be eligible to receive ~~[the]~~ a dual credit scholarship, a student shall:

7 (1) Be a United States citizen or permanent resident;

8 (2) Be a Missouri resident as defined by the coordinating board for higher education
9 pursuant to section 173.005;

10 (3) Be enrolled in a dual credit program offered by an approved dual credit provider, as
11 defined in section 173.2500;

12 (4) Have a cumulative high school grade point average of at least two and a half on a four
13 point scale or equivalent; and

14 (5) Meet one or more of the following indicators of economic need:

15 (a) Be individually eligible to be enrolled in a federal free or reduced-price lunch program,
16 based on income levels established by the United States Department of Agriculture;

17 (b) Reside in a foster home, be a ward of the state, or be homeless; or

18 (c) Receive low-income public assistance, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
19 Program (SNAP) or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
20 (WIC), or live in federally subsidized public housing.

21 3. (1) To be eligible to receive a STEM studies enhancement scholarship, a student shall be
22 enrolled in a STEM studies enhancement program and shall:

23 (a) Be a United States citizen or permanent resident;

24 (b) Be a Missouri resident as defined by the coordinating board for higher education
25 pursuant to section 173.005;

26 (c) Have a cumulative high school grade point average of at least two and a half on a four
27 point scale or equivalent; and

28 (d) Have a household income that does not exceed one hundred ten percent of the state
29 median household income according to the United States Census Bureau's American Community
30 Survey, based on the most recent one-year period estimate data.

31 (2) For purposes of this section, the term "STEM Studies Enhancement Program" means an

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1 undergraduate certificate program offered by an accredited Missouri higher education institution to
2 high school students that emphasizes applied, advanced skills in any field related to science,
3 technology, engineering, or mathematics.

4 4. The dual credit and STEM studies enhancement scholarship is hereby created to provide
5 financial assistance to high school students enrolling in dual credit courses offered by an approved
6 dual credit provider as defined in section 173.2500 and to high school students enrolling in STEM
7 studies enhancement programs. The coordinating board may promulgate rules for the
8 administration of the program including establishing the application, eligibility, and payment
9 procedures. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created
10 under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is
11 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and
12 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to
13 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
14 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
15 August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

16 [4.] 5. Subject to appropriation, the dual credit and STEM studies enhancement scholarship
17 shall;

18 (1) Reimburse ~~[eligible]~~ students eligible under subdivisions (1) to (5) of subsection 2 of
19 this section for up to fifty percent of the tuition cost paid by the student to enroll in a dual credit
20 course offered by an approved dual credit provider; except that, no student shall receive in excess of
21 five hundred dollars annually for all dual credit courses taken by such student; and

22 (2) Reimburse students eligible under subsection 3 of this section for up to the average
23 tuition cost for a community college course in the state for each course offered as part of a STEM
24 studies enhancement program in which the student paid to enroll.

25 ~~[5. No student shall receive in excess of five hundred dollars annually for all dual credit~~
26 ~~courses taken by such student.]~~

27 6. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Dual Credit Scholarship Fund", which
28 shall consist of moneys appropriated to the fund by the general assembly and private donations
29 made to the fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance under this section to high school
30 students enrolling in dual credit courses and to high school students enrolling in STEM studies
31 enhancement programs. The state treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund and shall invest
32 moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned
33 on such investments shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080
34 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the
35 credit of the general revenue fund."; and

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