

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 206, Page 14, Section 167.2020, Line 62,
2 by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "173.670. 1. There is hereby established within the department of higher education the
5 "Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Initiative". The department of higher
6 education may award matching funds through this initiative to public institutions of higher
7 education as part of the annual appropriations process.

8 2. The purpose of the initiative shall be to provide support to increase interest among
9 elementary, secondary, and university students in fields of study related to science, technology,
10 engineering, and mathematics and to increase the number of Missouri graduates in these fields at
11 Missouri's public two- and four-year institutions of higher education.

12 3. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

13 (1) "Educational benefits", the funds provided by an employer to a qualified individual or to
14 an accredited educational institution for a period of up to five years to pay any portion of the tuition
15 or fees for a qualified individual pursuing an advanced certificate, associate's degree, bachelor's
16 degree, master's degree, or doctorate degree in a field of study related to health care, engineering, or
17 information technology;

18 (2) "Full-time position", an occupation lasting at least one year that consists of at least thirty
19 hours of work per week;

20 (3) "Internship", a program lasting at least eight weeks that consists of at least fifteen hours
21 of work per week;

22 (4) "State tax liability", any liability incurred by a taxpayer under the provisions of chapter
23 143, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, or the tax imposed in
24 chapter 147, 148, or 153;

25 (5) "STEM field", a field involving science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

26 4. There is hereby created a "Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fund",
27 which shall consist of money collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of
28 the fund and may approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and
29 30.180. Upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this
30 section. Any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit
31 of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner

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1 as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited
2 to the fund.

3 [4.] 5. As part of the initiative, the department of higher education shall develop a process
4 to award grants to Missouri public two- and four-year institutions of higher education and school
5 districts that have entered into articulation agreements to offer information technology certification
6 through technical course work leading to postsecondary academic credit through the program
7 established in section 173.675.

8 [5.] 6. The general assembly may appropriate funds to the science, technology,
9 engineering[,] and mathematics fund to match institution funds to support the following programs,
10 as recommended by the department of higher education:

11 (1) ~~[Endowed teaching professor programs, which provide funds to support faculty who~~
12 ~~teach undergraduate courses in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics fields at public~~
13 ~~institutions of higher education;~~

14 ~~——(2)] Scholarship programs, which provide financial aid or loan forgiveness awards to~~
15 ~~Missouri students who study in the science, technology, engineering, or mathematics fields or who~~
16 ~~plan to enter the teaching field in Missouri with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering,~~
17 ~~and mathematics areas; and~~

18 ~~[(3)] (2) Experiential youth programs [at public colleges or universities,] designed to~~
19 ~~provide Missouri middle school, junior high, and high school students with the opportunity to~~
20 ~~experience science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields through camps or other~~
21 ~~educational offerings[;~~

22 ~~——(4) Career enhancement programs for current elementary and secondary teachers and~~
23 ~~professors at Missouri public and private colleges and universities in the science, technology,~~
24 ~~engineering, or mathematics fields to improve the quality of teaching].~~

25 7. Any taxpayer in the state of Missouri who provides educational benefits or selects a
26 student majoring in a STEM field who is attending a two-year or four-year public or private
27 Missouri college or university for an internship located in the state of Missouri, or who selects a
28 student who recently graduated with a degree in a STEM field from any two-year or four-year
29 public or private Missouri college or university for a full-time position in a STEM field located in
30 the state of Missouri, may apply to have ten thousand dollars of the taxpayer's state tax liability
31 transferred from the general revenue fund and placed in the science, technology, engineering and
32 mathematics fund established in subsection 4 of this section, upon approval by the department of
33 higher education and appropriation by the general assembly. The department of higher education
34 shall establish a procedure for approving applications under this subsection. For purposes of this
35 subsection, the taxpayer's state tax liability shall be paid before a transfer under this subsection
36 occurs. The cumulative amount of taxes transferred to the science, technology, engineering and
37 mathematics fund under this subsection shall not exceed an annual total of two hundred thousand
38 dollars from all participating taxpayers in tax year 2020, with such amount adjusted annually for
39 inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for the United States
40 as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor index. If a donation is made to the
41 fund from a third party, that donation shall not count towards such annual limit.

1 8. The department of higher education may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations
2 for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
3 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it
4 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
5 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the
6 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and
7 annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any
8 rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2019, shall be invalid and void."; and

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