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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1093

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DOHRMAN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

To repeal section 173.2505, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to dual credit scholarships.

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

Section A. Section 173.2505, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 173.2505, to read as follows:

173.2505. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Dual Credit Scholarship Act".

2. To be eligible to receive the dual credit scholarship, a student **shall meet the requirements of subsection 3 of this section or** shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

19 3. (1) **For purposes of this section, the term "STEM Studies Enhancement**  
20 **Program" means an undergraduate certificate program offered by an accredited Missouri**  
21 **higher education institution to high school students that emphasizes applied, advanced**  
22 **skills in any field related to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.**

23 (2) **A student who meets the requirements of subdivisions (1) to (4) of subsection**  
24 **2 of this section shall be eligible to receive the dual credit scholarship if the student is**  
25 **enrolled in a STEM studies enhancement program and has a household income that does**  
26 **not exceed one hundred ten percent of the state median household income according to the**  
27 **United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey, based on the most recent**  
28 **one-year period estimate data.**

29 4. The dual credit scholarship is hereby created to provide financial assistance to high  
30 school students enrolling in dual credit courses offered by an approved dual credit provider as  
31 defined in section 173.2500. The coordinating board may promulgate rules for the  
32 administration of the program including establishing the application, eligibility, and payment  
33 procedures. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is  
34 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies  
35 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.  
36 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general  
37 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and  
38 annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and  
39 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

40 [4-] 5. Subject to appropriation, the dual credit scholarship shall:

41 (1) Reimburse ~~eligible~~ students **eligible under subdivisions (1) to (5) of subsection**  
42 **2 of this section** for up to fifty percent of the tuition cost paid by the student to enroll in a dual  
43 credit course offered by an approved dual credit provider; **and**

44 (2) **Reimburse any student eligible under subsection 3 of this section for up to the**  
45 **average tuition cost for a community college course in the state for each dual credit course**  
46 **offered by an approved dual credit provider as part of a STEM studies enhancement**  
47 **program in which the student paid to enroll.**

48 [5-] 6. No student, **other than a student eligible under subsection 3 of this section,**  
49 shall receive in excess of five hundred dollars annually for all dual credit courses taken by such  
50 student.

51           ~~[6.]~~ 7. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Dual Credit Scholarship Fund",  
52 which shall consist of moneys appropriated to the fund by the general assembly and private  
53 donations made to the fund. The state treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund and shall  
54 invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and  
55 moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding the  
56 provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the  
57 biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

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