

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. ____
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AMEND House Amendment No. ____ to House Bill No. 624, Page 5, Line 34, by inserting after all of said line the following:

"173.250. 1. There is hereby established a "Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program" and any moneys appropriated by the general assembly for this program shall be used to provide scholarships for Missouri citizens to attend a Missouri college or university of their choice pursuant to the provisions of this section.

2. The definitions of terms set forth in section 173.1102 shall be applicable to such terms as used in this section. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Academic scholarship", an amount of money paid by the state of Missouri to a student pursuant to the provisions of this section;

(2) "ACT", the American College Testing program examination;

(3) "Approved institution", an approved public or approved private institution as defined in section 173.1102;

(4) "Eligible student", an individual who meets the criteria set forth in section 173.1104, excluding the requirements of financial need and undergraduate status and, in addition, meets the following requirements:

(a) Has achieved a qualifying score on the ACT or SAT;

(b) Is a Missouri resident who has completed secondary coursework through graduation from high school or the virtual public school established in section 161.670, receipt of a general education development (GED) diploma, completion of a program of study through homeschooling or any other program of academic instruction that satisfies the compulsory attendance requirement under section 167.031; ~~and~~

(c) Is enrolled full time or accepted for full-time enrollment as a postsecondary student at an approved institution during the academic year immediately following the completion of [his or her] the individual's secondary coursework; and

(d) For all academic years beginning on or after July 1, 2022, meets the following additional requirements:

a. Graduated from high school with an overall grade point average of at least two and three-

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1 fourths on a four-point scale, or the equivalent on another scale;

2 b. Performed at least fifty hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring, of which up to twenty-five
3 percent may include job shadowing, prior to high school graduation; and

4 c. Maintains eligibility by completing a minimum of ninety percent of the clock hours
5 required for the federal payment period for students enrolled full time in an eligible clock hour
6 program;

7 (5) "Missouri test-takers", all Missouri high school seniors who take the ACT or the SAT;

8 (6) "Qualifying score", a composite score on the ACT or the SAT achieved in an eligible
9 student's high school sophomore, junior, or senior year that is in the top five percent of Missouri
10 test-takers, as established at the beginning of an eligible student's final year of secondary
11 coursework;

12 (7) "Recipient", an eligible or renewal student who receives an academic scholarship
13 pursuant to this section;

14 (8) "Renewal student", an eligible student who remains in compliance with the provisions of
15 section 173.1104, maintains continuous enrollment, and makes satisfactory academic degree
16 progress; and

17 (9) "SAT", the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

18 3. The coordinating board for higher education shall be the administrative agency for the
19 implementation of the program established by this section, and shall:

20 (1) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the exercise of its functions and the
21 effectuation of the purposes of this section, including regulations for granting scholarship
22 deferments;

23 (2) Prescribe the form and the time and method of awarding academic scholarships, and
24 shall supervise the processing thereof; and

25 (3) Select qualified recipients to receive academic scholarships, make such awards of
26 academic scholarships to qualified recipients and determine the manner and method of payment to
27 the recipient.

28 4. Eligible students shall be offered academic scholarships in the following amounts and in
29 the following order of priority, within the limits of the funds appropriated and made available:

30 (1) Each eligible student with a qualifying score in the top three percent of all Missouri test-
31 takers shall be offered an academic scholarship of up to three thousand dollars per year. All students
32 in the top three percent shall receive awards of three thousand dollars before any student in the top
33 fourth and fifth percentiles receives any award;

34 (2) Provided sufficient funds are appropriated, each eligible student with a qualifying score
35 in the top fourth and fifth percentiles shall be offered an academic scholarship of up to one thousand
36 dollars per year.

37 5. Eligible students may renew academic scholarships for their second, third, and fourth
38 years of postsecondary education, or as long as the recipient is in compliance with the criteria to be
39 a renewal student.

40 6. If an eligible student is unable to enroll during the first academic year or a renewal
41 student ceases attendance at an approved institution for the purpose of providing service to a

1 nonprofit organization, a state or federal government agency, or any branch of the Armed Forces of
 2 the United States, such student shall be offered an academic scholarship upon enrollment in any
 3 approved institution after the completion of their service, if the student meets all other requirements
 4 for an initial or renewal award and if the following criteria are met:

5 (1) For an eligible student who cannot attend an approved institution as a result of service to
 6 a nonprofit organization or the state or federal government, the student returns to full-time status
 7 within twenty-seven months and provides verification to the coordinating board for higher education
 8 that the service to the nonprofit organization was satisfactorily completed and was not compensated
 9 other than for expenses, or that the service to the state or federal government was satisfactorily
 10 completed; or

11 (2) For an eligible student who cannot attend an approved institution as a result of military
 12 service in the Armed Forces of the United States, the student returns to full-time status within six
 13 months after the eligible student first ceases service to the Armed Forces and provides verification
 14 to the coordinating board for higher education that the military service was satisfactorily completed.

15 7. A recipient of an academic scholarship awarded under this section may transfer from one
 16 approved institution to another without losing eligibility for the academic scholarship.

17 8. If a recipient of an academic scholarship at any time withdraws from an approved
 18 institution so that under the rules and regulations of that institution [he or she] the recipient is
 19 entitled to a refund of any tuition, fees or other charges, the institution shall pay the portion of the
 20 refund attributable to the academic scholarship for that term to the coordinating board for higher
 21 education.

22 9. Other provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, if an eligible student has
 23 been awarded an initial academic scholarship pursuant to the provisions of this section but is unable
 24 to attend an approved institution during the first academic year because of illness, disability,
 25 pregnancy or other medical need or if a renewal student ceases all attendance at an approved
 26 institution because of illness, disability, pregnancy or other medical need, the recipient shall be
 27 eligible for an initial or renewal academic scholarship upon enrollment in or return to any approved
 28 institution, provided the recipient:

29 (1) Enrolls in or returns to full-time status within twenty-seven months;

30 (2) Provides verification in compliance with coordinating board for higher education rules
 31 of sufficient medical evidence documenting an illness, disability, pregnancy or other medical need
 32 of such person to require that that person will not be able to use the academic scholarship during the
 33 time period for which it was originally offered; and

34 (3) Meets all other requirements established for eligibility to receive an academic
 35 scholarship."; and

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

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 40 THIS AMENDMENT AMENDS 1369H01.03H