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HOUSE BILL NO. 1226

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a higher education tuition pilot program.

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 known as section 173.085, to read as follows:

173.085. 1. The department of higher education and workforce development shall propose the creation of a pilot program called "Pay Forward, Pay Back". The pilot program shall:

(1) Provide procedures to replace the current system of charging students tuition and fees for enrollment at public institutions of higher education in the state; and

(2) Identify one or more public institutions of higher education to participate in the pilot program.

2. The department shall submit a proposed pilot program to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate on or before November 1, 2023.

3. The proposed pilot program shall:

(1) Allow students who are residents of this state, as defined by the institution, and who qualify for admission to the institution to enroll in the institution without paying tuition or fees;

(2) Provide that, in lieu of paying tuition or fees, students sign binding contracts to pay to the state of Missouri or the institution a specified percentage of the student's annual

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.

17 **adjusted gross income upon graduation from the institution for a specified number of**
18 **years;**

19 **(3) Specify the number of years and the percentage of annual adjusted gross income**
20 **for contracts at each participating institution and base the specifications on research to**
21 **date; and**

22 **(4) Establish an immediate funding source for the first fifteen to twenty years of the**
23 **pilot program and include the establishment of a revolving fund to deposit payments made**
24 **under the pilot program.**

25 **4. The proposed pilot program may vary by institution depending on:**

26 **(1) The total cost of education at the institution;**

27 **(2) The portion of the cost that is paid by the state of Missouri;**

28 **(3) The number of years specified in the contract; and**

29 **(4) The percentage of annual adjusted gross income specified in the contract.**

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