

SS#2 HS HB 297 -- INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

This bill relates to institutions of higher education.

STUDENT RIGHT TO KNOW ACT (Sections 161.625 and 173.035, RSMo)

The bill creates the "Students' Right to Know Act", which, beginning January 1, 2022, requires the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (DHEWD) to annually collect and compile specified information to help high school students make more informed decisions about their futures and ensure they are adequately aware of the costs of four-year colleges and alternative career paths.

The information compiled on an annual basis must include:

- (1) The most in-demand jobs in the state along with the starting salary and education levels required;
- (2) The average cost, average monthly student loan payment and three-year student loan default rate for each public institution of higher education and vocational school in the state;
- (3) The completion rates for apprenticeship programs, high school credential programs, career and technical education programs, and military first-term enlistments; and
- (4) The average starting salary for individuals graduating from each public institution of higher education and vocational school in the state

The document must be available to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for distribution to public school guidance counselors by October 15th each year. The information provided by the public institutions is also required to be available on the website of the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.

Currently, the DHEWD is required to operate a website containing information of public and private institutions of higher education. This bill adds vocational schools to this requirement and allows private institutions of higher education to choose if they want their information included on the website.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (Section 162.441)

Currently, a school district may be attached to a community college district or to one or more adjacent seven-director school districts by a majority vote in the school district.

This bill requires that a community college proposing such an annexation present its proposal at a public, regularly-scheduled meeting of the school district 30-120 days prior to the annexation election.

The bill modifies the form of the question to be submitted on the ballot by requiring such question to ask whether the school district shall become part of the district, rather than whether the school district shall be annexed to other school districts specified in the ballot question. This bill also requires the question to be followed by information stating the amount per \$100 by which such annexation will raise the community college tax levy and that such annexation will result in school district residents being eligible for in-district tuition rates at the community college. Annexation elections shall be held on a November general election day.

MISSOURI EDUCATION PROGRAM (Sections 166.400-166.440, 166.456, 166.502, and 209.610)

This bill changes the name of the "Missouri Education Savings Program" to the "Missouri Education Program".

This bill modifies the definition of "eligible educational institution" to include all eligible educational institutions, as defined in Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, rather than just institutions of postsecondary education.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE (Section 170.029)

The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Career and Technical Advisory Council, shall develop a statewide plan establishing the minimum requirements for a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Certificate. The statewide plan shall match workforce needs with appropriate educational resources.

Each local school district shall determine the curriculum, programs of study, and course offerings based on student needs and interests and the requirements of the statewide plan.

DESE shall convene work groups from each CTE program area. Such work groups shall develop and recommend performance standards or course competencies. The Department shall develop written model curriculum frameworks for CTE programs, which shall not be subject to certain limits on performance standards provided under existing law, as described in the bill

REDUCED RESTRICTION ON DEALING IN REAL PROPERTY (Section 172.020)

The bill allows The Curators of the University of Missouri to subdivide, sell, or convey title to land located within a university campus.

STUDENT ATHLETE IMAGE COMPENSATION (Section 173.280)

This bill enacts provisions governing the compensation for a student athlete for contracts and agreements entered into, modified or renewed after August 28, 2021.

In its main provisions the bill:

- (1) Prohibits public or private institutions of higher education from preventing a student from earning compensation for the student's name, image, likeness rights, or athletic reputation;
- (2) Limits these institutions from preventing a student from participating in intercollegiate athletics if the student earns compensation, or from hiring professional representation as outlined in the bill;
- (3) Prohibits the postsecondary educational institution from revoking or reducing any grant-in-aid or stipend if a student earns compensation;
- (4) Limits a student athlete from entering into any contract for compensation that requires the athlete to display a sponsor's apparel, equipment, beverage, or otherwise advertise for the sponsor during official team activities if it would conflict with the provisions of the athlete's team contract;
- (5) Requires a postsecondary educational institution that enters into a commercial agreement that directly or indirectly requires the use of an athlete's name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation to conduct a financial development program, as specified in the bill;
- (6) Specifies that an attorney or agent representing an athlete must be licensed in Missouri;
- (7) Allows any athlete to bring a civil action for appropriate injunctive relief or actual damages, or both against third parties violating this provision in the county that the violation occurs; and
- (8) Specifies that any student shall not be deprived of any protections provided under law with respect to a controversy that arises, and shall have the right to adjudicate claims that arise

under this provision.

REMOVING TUITION CAP RESTRICTION (Section 173.1003)

This bill allows community colleges and public universities to exceed the percentage change limitations for tuition currently established in Section 173.1003, after July 1, 2022. The bill requires public institutions that utilize differentiated tuition to notify the DHEWD and to no longer utilize required course fees.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY (Sections 174.281 & 174.453 RSMo.)

This bill designates Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) as an institution with a statewide mission in visual and performing arts, computer science, and cybersecurity.

The bill modifies provisions relating to the Board of Governors for SEMO as outlined in the bill.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY (Sections 174.283 & 174.450)

The bill designates Northwest Missouri State University as an institution with a statewide mission in educator preparation, emergency and disaster management, and profession-based learning.

Currently, public institutions of higher education charged with a statewide mission shall be governed by a board of governors. This bill specifies that Northwest Missouri State University shall continue to be governed by its board of regents.

MISSOURI WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY (Section 174.453)

Currently, the Board of Governors of Missouri Western State University are five voting members from Buchanan, Platte, Clinton, Andrew, and Dekalb counties with no more than three of the five being from any one county; two voting members selected from any county in the state except the specified counties; and one nonvoting student member.

This bill changes the requirement to eight appointed members with five voting members selected from any of the following counties: Buchanan, Platte, Clinton, Andrew, and DeKalb and one nonvoting student member.

HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY (Section 174.285)

Harris-Stowe State University can successfully discharge a statewide mission in science, technology, engineering, and

mathematics (STEM) for underrepresented and under resourced students.