

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute No. 2 for House Bill No. 495, Page 12, Section 84.325, Line  
2 55, by inserting after said section and line the following:

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4 "105.711. 1. There is hereby created a "State Legal Expense Fund" which shall consist of  
5 moneys appropriated to the fund by the general assembly and moneys otherwise credited to such  
6 fund pursuant to section 105.716.

7 2. Moneys in the state legal expense fund shall be available for the payment of any claim or  
8 any amount required by any final judgment rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction against:

9 (1) The state of Missouri, or any agency of the state, pursuant to section 536.050 or 536.087  
10 or section 537.600;

11 (2) Any officer or employee of the state of Missouri or any agency of the state, including,  
12 without limitation, elected officials, appointees, members of state boards or commissions, and  
13 members of the Missouri National Guard upon conduct of such officer or employee arising out of  
14 and performed in connection with his or her official duties on behalf of the state, or any agency of  
15 the state, provided that moneys in this fund shall not be available for payment of claims made under  
16 chapter 287;

17 (3) (a) Any physician, psychiatrist, pharmacist, podiatrist, dentist, nurse, or other health  
18 care provider licensed to practice in Missouri under the provisions of chapter 330, 332, 334, 335,  
19 336, 337 or 338 who is employed by the state of Missouri or any agency of the state under formal  
20 contract to conduct disability reviews on behalf of the department of elementary and secondary  
21 education or provide services to patients or inmates of state correctional facilities on a part-time  
22 basis, and any physician, psychiatrist, pharmacist, podiatrist, dentist, nurse, or other health care  
23 provider licensed to practice in Missouri under the provisions of chapter 330, 332, 334, 335, 336,  
24 337, or 338 who is under formal contract to provide services to patients or inmates at a county jail  
25 on a part-time basis;

26 (b) Any physician licensed to practice medicine in Missouri under the provisions of chapter  
27 334 and his professional corporation organized pursuant to chapter 356 who is employed by or  
28 under contract with a city or county health department organized under chapter 192 or chapter 205,  
29 or a city health department operating under a city charter, or a combined city-county health  
30 department to provide services to patients for medical care caused by pregnancy, delivery, and child

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1 care, if such medical services are provided by the physician pursuant to the contract without  
2 compensation or the physician is paid from no other source than a governmental agency except for  
3 patient co-payments required by federal or state law or local ordinance;

4 (c) Any physician licensed to practice medicine in Missouri under the provisions of chapter  
5 334 who is employed by or under contract with a federally funded community health center  
6 organized under Section 315, 329, 330 or 340 of the Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C. Section  
7 216, 254c) to provide services to patients for medical care caused by pregnancy, delivery, and child  
8 care, if such medical services are provided by the physician pursuant to the contract or employment  
9 agreement without compensation or the physician is paid from no other source than a governmental  
10 agency or such a federally funded community health center except for patient co-payments required  
11 by federal or state law or local ordinance. In the case of any claim or judgment that arises under this  
12 paragraph, the aggregate of payments from the state legal expense fund shall be limited to a  
13 maximum of one million dollars for all claims arising out of and judgments based upon the same act  
14 or acts alleged in a single cause against any such physician, and shall not exceed one million dollars  
15 for any one claimant;

16 (d) Any physician licensed pursuant to chapter 334 who is affiliated with and receives no  
17 compensation from a nonprofit entity qualified as exempt from federal taxation under Section  
18 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which offers a free health screening in  
19 any setting or any physician, nurse, physician assistant, dental hygienist, dentist, or other health care  
20 professional licensed or registered under chapter 330, 331, 332, 334, 335, 336, 337, or 338 who  
21 provides health care services within the scope of his or her license or registration at a city or county  
22 health department organized under chapter 192 or chapter 205, a city health department operating  
23 under a city charter, or a combined city-county health department, or a nonprofit community health  
24 center qualified as exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
25 Code of 1986, as amended, excluding federally funded community health centers as specified in  
26 paragraph (c) of this subdivision and rural health clinics under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(l)(1), if  
27 such services are restricted to primary care and preventive health services, provided that such  
28 services shall not include the performance of an abortion, and if such health services are provided by  
29 the health care professional licensed or registered under chapter 330, 331, 332, 334, 335, 336, 337,  
30 or 338 without compensation. MO HealthNet or Medicare payments for primary care and  
31 preventive health services provided by a health care professional licensed or registered under  
32 chapter 330, 331, 332, 334, 335, 336, 337, or 338 who volunteers at a community health clinic is not  
33 compensation for the purpose of this section if the total payment is assigned to the community  
34 health clinic. For the purposes of the section, "community health clinic" means a nonprofit  
35 community health center qualified as exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the  
36 Internal Revenue Code of 1987, as amended, that provides primary care and preventive health  
37 services to people without health insurance coverage. In the case of any claim or judgment that  
38 arises under this paragraph, the aggregate of payments from the state legal expense fund shall be  
39 limited to a maximum of five hundred thousand dollars, for all claims arising out of and judgments

1 based upon the same act or acts alleged in a single cause and shall not exceed five hundred thousand  
2 dollars for any one claimant, and insurance policies purchased pursuant to the provisions of section  
3 105.721 shall be limited to five hundred thousand dollars. Liability or malpractice insurance  
4 obtained and maintained in force by or on behalf of any health care professional licensed or  
5 registered under chapter 330, 331, 332, 334, 335, 336, 337, or 338 shall not be considered available  
6 to pay that portion of a judgment or claim for which the state legal expense fund is liable under this  
7 paragraph;

8 (e) Any physician, nurse, physician assistant, dental hygienist, or dentist licensed or  
9 registered to practice medicine, nursing, or dentistry or to act as a physician assistant or dental  
10 hygienist in Missouri under the provisions of chapter 332, 334, or 335, or lawfully practicing, who  
11 provides medical, nursing, or dental treatment within the scope of his license or registration to  
12 students of a school whether a public, private, or parochial elementary or secondary school or  
13 summer camp, if such physician's treatment is restricted to primary care and preventive health  
14 services and if such medical, dental, or nursing services are provided by the physician, dentist,  
15 physician assistant, dental hygienist, or nurse without compensation. In the case of any claim or  
16 judgment that arises under this paragraph, the aggregate of payments from the state legal expense  
17 fund shall be limited to a maximum of five hundred thousand dollars, for all claims arising out of  
18 and judgments based upon the same act or acts alleged in a single cause and shall not exceed five  
19 hundred thousand dollars for any one claimant, and insurance policies purchased pursuant to the  
20 provisions of section 105.721 shall be limited to five hundred thousand dollars; or

21 (f) Any physician licensed under chapter 334, or dentist licensed under chapter 332,  
22 providing medical care without compensation to an individual referred to his or her care by a city or  
23 county health department organized under chapter 192 or 205, a city health department operating  
24 under a city charter, or a combined city-county health department, or nonprofit health center  
25 qualified as exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
26 1986, as amended, or a federally funded community health center organized under Section 315, 329,  
27 330, or 340 of the Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 216, 254c; provided that such  
28 treatment shall not include the performance of an abortion. In the case of any claim or judgment  
29 that arises under this paragraph, the aggregate of payments from the state legal expense fund shall  
30 be limited to a maximum of one million dollars for all claims arising out of and judgments based  
31 upon the same act or acts alleged in a single cause and shall not exceed one million dollars for any  
32 one claimant, and insurance policies purchased under the provisions of section 105.721 shall be  
33 limited to one million dollars. Liability or malpractice insurance obtained and maintained in force  
34 by or on behalf of any physician licensed under chapter 334, or any dentist licensed under chapter  
35 332, shall not be considered available to pay that portion of a judgment or claim for which the state  
36 legal expense fund is liable under this paragraph;

37 (4) Staff employed by the juvenile division of any judicial circuit;

38 (5) Any attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Missouri who practices law at or  
39 through a nonprofit community social services center qualified as exempt from federal taxation

1 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or through any agency  
2 of any federal, state, or local government, if such legal practice is provided by the attorney without  
3 compensation. In the case of any claim or judgment that arises under this subdivision, the aggregate  
4 of payments from the state legal expense fund shall be limited to a maximum of five hundred  
5 thousand dollars for all claims arising out of and judgments based upon the same act or acts alleged  
6 in a single cause and shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars for any one claimant, and  
7 insurance policies purchased pursuant to the provisions of section 105.721 shall be limited to five  
8 hundred thousand dollars;

9 (6) Any social welfare board created under section 205.770 and the members and officers  
10 thereof upon conduct of such officer or employee while acting in his or her capacity as a board  
11 member or officer, and any physician, nurse, physician assistant, dental hygienist, dentist, or other  
12 health care professional licensed or registered under chapter 330, 331, 332, 334, 335, 336, 337, or  
13 338 who is referred to provide medical care without compensation by the board and who provides  
14 health care services within the scope of his or her license or registration as prescribed by the board;  
15 or

16 (7) Any person who is selected or appointed by the state director of revenue under  
17 subsection 2 of section 136.055 to act as an agent of the department of revenue, to the extent that  
18 such agent's actions or inactions upon which such claim or judgment is based were performed in the  
19 course of the person's official duties as an agent of the department of revenue and in the manner  
20 required by state law or department of revenue rules.

21 3. Moneys in the state legal expense fund shall be available for the payment of any claim or  
22 any amount required by any final judgment rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction for the  
23 purposes of paying judgments arising from claims under section 506.400.

24 4. The department of health and senior services shall promulgate rules regarding contract  
25 procedures and the documentation of care provided under paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of  
26 subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of this section. The limitation on payments from the state legal  
27 expense fund or any policy of insurance procured pursuant to the provisions of section 105.721,  
28 provided in subsection [7] 8 of this section, shall not apply to any claim or judgment arising under  
29 paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of this section. Any claim or  
30 judgment arising under paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of  
31 this section shall be paid by the state legal expense fund or any policy of insurance procured  
32 pursuant to section 105.721, to the extent damages are allowed under sections 538.205 to 538.235.  
33 Liability or malpractice insurance obtained and maintained in force by any health care professional  
34 licensed or registered under chapter 330, 331, 332, 334, 335, 336, 337, or 338 for coverage  
35 concerning his or her private practice and assets shall not be considered available under subsection  
36 [7] 8 of this section to pay that portion of a judgment or claim for which the state legal expense fund  
37 is liable under paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of this section.  
38 However, a health care professional licensed or registered under chapter 330, 331, 332, 334, 335,  
39 336, 337, or 338 may purchase liability or malpractice insurance for coverage of liability claims or

1 judgments based upon care rendered under paragraphs (c), (d), (e), and (f) of subdivision (3) of  
2 subsection 2 of this section which exceed the amount of liability coverage provided by the state  
3 legal expense fund under those paragraphs. Even if paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of  
4 subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of this section is repealed or modified, the state legal expense fund  
5 shall be available for damages which occur while the pertinent paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f)  
6 of subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of this section is in effect.

7 ~~[4-]~~ 5. The attorney general shall promulgate rules regarding contract procedures and the  
8 documentation of legal practice provided under subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of this section. The  
9 limitation on payments from the state legal expense fund or any policy of insurance procured  
10 pursuant to section 105.721 as provided in subsection ~~[7]~~ 8 of this section shall not apply to any  
11 claim or judgment arising under subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of this section. Any claim or  
12 judgment arising under subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of this section shall be paid by the state legal  
13 expense fund or any policy of insurance procured pursuant to section 105.721 to the extent damages  
14 are allowed under sections 538.205 to 538.235. Liability or malpractice insurance otherwise  
15 obtained and maintained in force shall not be considered available under subsection ~~[7]~~ 8 of this  
16 section to pay that portion of a judgment or claim for which the state legal expense fund is liable  
17 under subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of this section. However, an attorney may obtain liability or  
18 malpractice insurance for coverage of liability claims or judgments based upon legal practice  
19 rendered under subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of this section that exceed the amount of liability  
20 coverage provided by the state legal expense fund under subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of this  
21 section. Even if subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of this section is repealed or amended, the state  
22 legal expense fund shall be available for damages that occur while the pertinent subdivision (5) of  
23 subsection 2 of this section is in effect.

24 ~~[5-]~~ 6. All payments shall be made from the state legal expense fund by the commissioner of  
25 administration with the approval of the attorney general. Payment from the state legal expense fund  
26 of a claim or final judgment award against a health care professional licensed or registered under  
27 chapter 330, 331, 332, 334, 335, 336, 337, or 338, described in paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f)  
28 of subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of this section, or against an attorney in subdivision (5) of  
29 subsection 2 of this section, shall only be made for services rendered in accordance with the  
30 conditions of such paragraphs. In the case of any claim or judgment against an officer or employee  
31 of the state or any agency of the state based upon conduct of such officer or employee arising out of  
32 and performed in connection with his or her official duties on behalf of the state or any agency of  
33 the state that would give rise to a cause of action under section 537.600, the state legal expense fund  
34 shall be liable, excluding punitive damages, for:

- 35 (1) Economic damages to any one claimant; and
- 36 (2) Up to three hundred fifty thousand dollars for noneconomic damages.

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38 The state legal expense fund shall be the exclusive remedy and shall preclude any other civil actions  
39 or proceedings for money damages arising out of or relating to the same subject matter against the

1 state officer or employee, or the officer's or employee's estate. No officer or employee of the state  
2 or any agency of the state shall be individually liable in his or her personal capacity for conduct of  
3 such officer or employee arising out of and performed in connection with his or her official duties  
4 on behalf of the state or any agency of the state. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to  
5 any defendant who is not an officer or employee of the state or any agency of the state in any  
6 proceeding against an officer or employee of the state or any agency of the state. Nothing in this  
7 subsection shall limit the rights and remedies otherwise available to a claimant under state law or  
8 common law in proceedings where one or more defendants is not an officer or employee of the state  
9 or any agency of the state.

10 ~~[6.]~~ 7. The limitation on awards for noneconomic damages provided for in this subsection  
11 shall be increased or decreased on an annual basis effective January first of each year in accordance  
12 with the Implicit Price Deflator for Personal Consumption Expenditures as published by the Bureau  
13 of Economic Analysis of the United States Department of Commerce. The current value of the  
14 limitation shall be calculated by the director of the department of commerce and insurance, who  
15 shall furnish that value to the secretary of state, who shall publish such value in the Missouri  
16 Register as soon after each January first as practicable, but it shall otherwise be exempt from the  
17 provisions of section 536.021.

18 ~~[7.]~~ 8. Except as provided in subsection ~~[3]~~ 4 of this section, in the case of any claim or  
19 judgment that arises under sections 537.600 and 537.610 against the state of Missouri, or an agency  
20 of the state, the aggregate of payments from the state legal expense fund and from any policy of  
21 insurance procured pursuant to the provisions of section 105.721 shall not exceed the limits of  
22 liability as provided in sections 537.600 to 537.610. No payment shall be made from the state legal  
23 expense fund or any policy of insurance procured with state funds pursuant to section 105.721  
24 unless and until the benefits provided to pay the claim by any other policy of liability insurance have  
25 been exhausted.

26 ~~[8.]~~ 9. The provisions of section 33.080 notwithstanding, any moneys remaining to the  
27 credit of the state legal expense fund at the end of an appropriation period shall not be transferred to  
28 general revenue.

29 ~~[9.]~~ 10. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is  
30 promulgated under the authority delegated in sections 105.711 to 105.726 shall become effective  
31 only if it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536. Nothing in this section  
32 shall be interpreted to repeal or affect the validity of any rule filed or adopted prior to August 28,  
33 1999, if it fully complied with the provisions of chapter 536. This section and chapter 536 are  
34 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to  
35 review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held  
36 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after  
37 August 28, 1999, shall be invalid and void."; and  
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1 Further amend said bill, Page 36, Section 455.095, Line 89, by inserting after said section and line  
2 the following:

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4 "506.400. 1. As used in this section, "claimant" means a person convicted and subsequently  
5 imprisoned for one or more offenses that such person did not commit.

6 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a claimant may bring an action in the circuit  
7 court seeking damages from the state under this section.

8 3. (1) The claimant shall establish the following by a preponderance of evidence:

9 (a) The claimant was convicted of a felony offense and subsequently imprisoned;

10 (b) The claimant's judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated and either the charges  
11 were dismissed or on retrial the claimant was found to be not guilty;

12 (c) The claimant did not commit the offense or offenses for which the claimant was  
13 convicted and was not an accessory or accomplice to the acts that were the basis of the conviction  
14 and resulted in a reversal or vacation of the judgment of conviction, dismissal of the charges, or  
15 finding of not guilty on retrial; and

16 (d) The claimant did not commit or suborn perjury, fabricate evidence, or by the claimant's  
17 own conduct cause or bring about the conviction. Neither a confession or admission later found to  
18 be false nor a guilty plea shall constitute committing or suborning perjury, fabricating evidence, or  
19 causing or bringing about the conviction under this subsection.

20 (2) The court, in exercising its discretion as permitted by law regarding the weight and  
21 admissibility of evidence submitted under this section, may, in the interest of justice, give due  
22 consideration to difficulties of proof caused by the passage of time, the death or unavailability of  
23 witnesses, the destruction of evidence, or other factors not caused by such persons or those acting on  
24 their behalf.

25 4. (1) The suit, accompanied by a statement of the facts concerning the claim for damages,  
26 verified in the manner provided for the verification of complaints in the rules of civil procedure,  
27 shall be brought by the claimant within a period of two years after the:

28 (a) Dismissal of the criminal charges against the claimant or finding of not guilty on retrial;  
29 or

30 (b) Grant of a pardon to the claimant.

31 (2) A claimant convicted, imprisoned, and released from custody before August 28, 2025,  
32 shall commence an action under this section no later than August 28, 2027.

33 (3) All pleadings shall be captioned "In the matter of the wrongful conviction of".

34 (4) Any claim filed under this section shall be served on the attorney general.

35 (5) The suit for a claim filed under this section shall be tried by the court, and no request for  
36 a jury trial shall be made.

37 5. (1) Damages awarded under this section shall be:

1           (a) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, one hundred seventy-nine  
2 dollars per day for each day of imprisonment but no more than sixty-five thousand dollars per fiscal  
3 year; and

4           (b) Not less than twenty-five thousand dollars for each additional year served on parole or  
5 postrelease supervision or each additional year the claimant was required to register as a sexual  
6 offender under sections 589.400 to 589.425, whichever is greater.

7           (2) A claimant shall not receive compensation for any period of incarceration during which  
8 the claimant was concurrently serving a sentence for a conviction of another crime for which such  
9 claimant was lawfully incarcerated.

10           (3) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subdivision, the court shall order that the  
11 award be paid as a combination of an initial payment not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars or  
12 twenty-five percent of the award, whichever is greater, and the remainder as an annuity not to  
13 exceed eighty thousand dollars per year. The claimant shall designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries  
14 for the annuity by filing such designation with the court.

15           (b) The court may order that the award be paid in one lump sum if the court finds that it is in  
16 the best interests of the claimant.

17           (4) In addition to the damages awarded under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the  
18 claimant:

19           (a) Shall be entitled to receive reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in the action  
20 brought under this section not to exceed a total of twenty-five thousand dollars, unless a greater  
21 reasonable total is authorized by the court upon a finding of good cause shown;

22           (b) May also be awarded other nonmonetary relief as sought in the complaint including, but  
23 not limited to, counseling, housing assistance, and personal financial literacy assistance, as  
24 appropriate; and

25           (c) Shall be entitled to receive tuition assistance under section 506.403.

26           6. (1) If, at the time of the judgment entry referred to in subsection 5 of this section, the  
27 claimant has won a monetary award against the state or any political subdivision thereof in a civil  
28 action related to the same subject, or has entered into a settlement agreement with the state or any  
29 political subdivision thereof related to the same subject, the amount of the award in the action or the  
30 amount received in the settlement agreement, less any sums paid to attorneys or for costs in  
31 litigating the other civil action or obtaining the settlement agreement, shall be deducted from the  
32 sum of moneys to which the claimant is entitled under this section. The court shall include in the  
33 judgment entry an award to the state of any amount deducted under this subsection.

34           (2) If subdivision (1) of this subsection does not apply and if, after the time of the judgment  
35 entry referred to in subsection 5 of this section, the claimant wins a monetary award against the state  
36 or any political subdivision thereof in a civil action related to the same subject, or enters into a  
37 settlement agreement with the state or any political subdivision thereof related to the same subject,  
38 the claimant shall reimburse the state for the sum of moneys paid under the judgment entry referred  
39 to in subsection 5 of this section, less any sums paid to attorneys or for costs in litigating the other



1 civil action or obtaining the settlement agreement. A reimbursement required under this subsection  
2 shall not exceed the amount of the monetary award the claimant wins for damages in the other civil  
3 action or the amount received in the settlement agreement.

4 7. If the court finds that the claimant is entitled to a judgment, it shall enter a certificate of  
5 innocence finding that the claimant was innocent of all offenses for which the claimant was  
6 mistakenly convicted. The clerk of the court shall send a certified copy of the certificate of  
7 innocence and the judgment entry to the attorney general for payment under section 105.711.

8 8. Upon entry of a certificate of innocence, the claimant shall automatically be granted an  
9 order of expungement from the court in which he or she pled guilty or was sentenced to expunge  
10 from all official records or recordations of his or her arrest, plea, trial, or conviction. Upon granting  
11 of the order of expungement, the records and files maintained in any administrative or court  
12 proceeding in an associate or circuit division of the court shall be confidential and only available to  
13 the parties or by order of the court for good cause shown. The effect of such order shall be to  
14 restore such person to the status he or she occupied prior to such arrest, plea, or conviction and as if  
15 such event had never taken place. No person as to whom such order has been entered shall be held  
16 thereafter under any provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false  
17 statement by reason of his or her failure to recite or acknowledge such arrest, plea, trial, conviction,  
18 or expungement in response to any inquiry made of him or her for any purpose whatsoever, and no  
19 such inquiry shall be made for information relating to an expungement under this subsection.

20 9. Upon entry of a certificate of innocence, the court shall order the expungement and  
21 destruction of the associated biological samples authorized by and given to the Missouri state  
22 highway patrol. The order shall state the information required to be stated in a petition to expunge  
23 and destroy the samples and profile record and shall direct the Missouri state highway patrol to  
24 expunge and destroy such samples and profile record. The clerk of the court shall send a certified  
25 copy of the order to the Missouri state highway patrol, which shall carry out the order and provide  
26 confirmation of such action to the court. Nothing in this subsection shall require the Missouri state  
27 highway patrol to expunge and destroy any sample or profile record associated with the claimant  
28 that was related to any offense other than the offense for which the court has entered a certificate of  
29 innocence.

30 10. The decision to grant or deny a certificate of innocence shall not have a res judicata  
31 effect on any other proceedings.

32 11. Nothing in this section shall preclude the department of corrections from providing a  
33 claimant reentry services that are provided to other persons including, but not limited to, financial  
34 assistance, housing assistance, mentoring, and counseling. Such services shall be provided while an  
35 action under this section is pending and after any judgment is entered, as appropriate for such  
36 claimant.

37 12. A decision under this section may be appealed to the supreme court.

38 506.403. 1. Any individual awarded tuition assistance under section 506.400 shall receive a  
39 waiver of tuition and required fees for attendance at a public institution of higher education for up to

1 one hundred twenty credit hours. Such individual may attend a public institution of higher  
 2 education either full-time or part-time.

3 2. (1) Subject to appropriations, the department of higher education may make expenditures  
 4 to each individual awarded tuition assistance under section 506.400 who is enrolled in a public  
 5 institution of higher education for reimbursement of additional fees including, but not limited to,  
 6 fees for room and board, technical equipment, and course-required books.

7 (2) No public institution of higher education shall delay enrollment of an individual who is  
 8 awarded tuition assistance under section 506.400 because appropriations are not available for any  
 9 additional fees provided to such individual.

10 3. To remain eligible for the tuition and fees waiver under this section, an individual shall  
 11 remain in good standing at the public institution of higher education where the individual is  
 12 enrolled.

13 4. Individuals shall provide a written or electronic copy of the court order awarding relief in  
 14 the form of tuition assistance to the public institution of higher education or the department of  
 15 higher education.

16 5. The department of higher education shall adopt rules and regulations to administer the  
 17 provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010,  
 18 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies  
 19 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This  
 20 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
 21 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
 22 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or  
 23 adopted after August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void."; and

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 25 Further amend said bill, Page 60, Section 84.347, Line 4, by inserting after said section and line the  
 26 following:

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 28 ~~"[650.058. 1. Notwithstanding the sovereign immunity of the state, any~~  
 29 ~~individual who was found guilty of a felony in a Missouri court and was later~~  
 30 ~~determined to be actually innocent of such crime solely as a result of DNA~~  
 31 ~~profiling analysis may be paid restitution. The individual may receive an amount~~  
 32 ~~of one hundred dollars per day for each day of postconviction incarceration for the~~  
 33 ~~crime for which the individual is determined to be actually innocent. The petition~~  
 34 ~~for the payment of said restitution shall be filed with the sentencing court. For the~~  
 35 ~~purposes of this section, the term "actually innocent" shall mean:~~

36 ~~(1) The individual was convicted of a felony for which a final order of~~  
 37 ~~release was entered by the court;~~

38 ~~(2) All appeals of the order of release have been exhausted;~~

39 ~~(3) The individual was not serving any term of a sentence for any other~~  
 40 ~~crime concurrently with the sentence for which he or she is determined to be~~  
 41 ~~actually innocent, unless such individual was serving another concurrent sentence~~  
 42 ~~because his or her parole was revoked by a court or the parole board in connection~~  
 43 ~~with the crime for which the person has been exonerated. Regardless of whether~~

1 any other basis may exist for the revocation of the person's probation or parole at  
 2 the time of conviction for the crime for which the person is later determined to be  
 3 actually innocent, when the court's or the parole board's sole stated reason for the  
 4 revocation in its order is the conviction for the crime for which the person is later  
 5 determined to be actually innocent, such order shall, for purposes of this section  
 6 only, be conclusive evidence that their probation or parole was revoked in  
 7 connection with the crime for which the person has been exonerated; and

8 (4) ~~Testing ordered under section 547.035, or testing by the order of any~~  
 9 ~~state or federal court, if such person was exonerated on or before August 28, 2004,~~  
 10 ~~or testing ordered under section 650.055, if such person was or is exonerated after~~  
 11 ~~August 28, 2004, demonstrates a person's innocence of the crime for which the~~  
 12 ~~person is in custody.~~

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 14 Any individual who receives restitution under this section shall be prohibited from  
 15 seeking any civil redress from the state, its departments and agencies, or any  
 16 employee thereof, or any political subdivision or its employees. This section shall  
 17 not be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity for any purposes other than  
 18 the restitution provided for herein. The department of corrections shall determine  
 19 the aggregate amount of restitution owed during a fiscal year. If insufficient  
 20 moneys are appropriated each fiscal year to pay restitution to such persons, the  
 21 department shall pay each individual who has received an order awarding  
 22 restitution a pro rata share of the amount appropriated. Provided sufficient  
 23 moneys are appropriated to the department, the amounts owed to such individual  
 24 shall be paid on June thirtieth of each subsequent fiscal year, until such time as the  
 25 restitution to the individual has been paid in full. However, no individual awarded  
 26 restitution under this subsection shall receive more than thirty-six thousand five  
 27 hundred dollars during each fiscal year. No interest on unpaid restitution shall be  
 28 awarded to the individual. No individual who has been determined by the court to  
 29 be actually innocent shall be responsible for the costs of care under section  
 30 217.831.

31 2. If the results of the DNA testing confirm the person's guilt, then the  
 32 person filing for DNA testing under section 547.035, shall:

33 (1) Be liable for any reasonable costs incurred when conducting the DNA  
 34 test, including but not limited to the cost of the test. Such costs shall be  
 35 determined by the court and shall be included in the findings of fact and  
 36 conclusions of law made by the court; and

37 (2) Be sanctioned under the provisions of section 217.262.

38 3. A petition for payment of restitution under this section may only be  
 39 filed by the individual determined to be actually innocent or the individual's legal  
 40 guardian. No claim or petition for restitution under this section may be filed by  
 41 the individual's heirs or assigns. An individual's right to receive restitution under  
 42 this section is not assignable or otherwise transferrable. The state's obligation to  
 43 pay restitution under this section shall cease upon the individual's death. Any  
 44 beneficiary designation that purports to bequeath, assign, or otherwise convey the  
 45 right to receive such restitution shall be void and unenforceable.

46 4. An individual who is determined to be actually innocent of a crime  
 47 under this chapter shall automatically be granted an order of expungement from  
 48 the court in which he or she pled guilty or was sentenced to expunge from all

1 ~~official records all recordations of his or her arrest, plea, trial or conviction. Upon~~  
2 ~~granting of the order of expungement, the records and files maintained in any~~  
3 ~~administrative or court proceeding in an associate or circuit division of the court~~  
4 ~~shall be confidential and only available to the parties or by order of the court for~~  
5 ~~good cause shown. The effect of such order shall be to restore such person to the~~  
6 ~~status he or she occupied prior to such arrest, plea or conviction and as if such~~  
7 ~~event had never taken place. No person as to whom such order has been entered~~  
8 ~~shall be held thereafter under any provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or~~  
9 ~~otherwise giving a false statement by reason of his or her failure to recite or~~  
10 ~~acknowledge such arrest, plea, trial, conviction or expungement in response to any~~  
11 ~~inquiry made of him or her for any purpose whatsoever and no such inquiry shall~~  
12 ~~be made for information relating to an expungement under this section.]"~~; and

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