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AN ACT

To repeal section 143.121, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to research and experimentation costs.

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

Section A. Section 143.121, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 143.121, to read as follows:

143.121. 1. The Missouri adjusted gross income of a resident individual shall be the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income subject to the modifications in this section.

2. There shall be added to the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income:

(1) The amount of any federal income tax refund received for a prior year which resulted in a Missouri income tax benefit. The amount added pursuant to this subdivision shall not include any amount of a federal income tax refund attributable to a tax credit reducing a taxpayer's federal tax liability pursuant to Public Law 116-136 or 116-260, enacted by the 116th United States Congress, for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and ending on or before December 31, 2020, and deducted from Missouri adjusted gross income pursuant to section 143.171. The amount added under this subdivision shall also not include any amount of a federal income tax refund attributable to a tax credit reducing a taxpayer's federal tax liability under any other federal law that provides direct economic impact payments to taxpayers to mitigate financial challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and deducted from Missouri adjusted gross income under section 143.171;

(2) Interest on certain governmental obligations excluded from federal gross income by 26 U.S.C. Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. The previous sentence shall not apply to interest on obligations of the state of Missouri or any of its political

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.

18 subdivisions or authorities and shall not apply to the interest described in subdivision (1) of
19 subsection 3 of this section. The amount added pursuant to this subdivision shall be reduced
20 by the amounts applicable to such interest that would have been deductible in computing the
21 taxable income of the taxpayer except only for the application of 26 U.S.C. Section 265 of the
22 Internal Revenue Code, as amended. The reduction shall only be made if it is at least five
23 hundred dollars;

24 (3) The amount of any deduction that is included in the computation of federal
25 taxable income pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code as amended
26 by the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002 to the extent the amount deducted
27 relates to property purchased on or after July 1, 2002, but before July 1, 2003, and to the
28 extent the amount deducted exceeds the amount that would have been deductible pursuant to
29 26 U.S.C. Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as in effect on January 1, 2002;

30 (4) The amount of any deduction that is included in the computation of federal
31 taxable income for net operating loss allowed by 26 U.S.C. Section 172 of the Internal
32 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, other than the deduction allowed by 26 U.S.C. Section
33 172(b)(1)(G) and 26 U.S.C. Section 172(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
34 amended, for a net operating loss the taxpayer claims in the tax year in which the net
35 operating loss occurred or carries forward for a period of more than twenty years and carries
36 backward for more than two years. Any amount of net operating loss taken against federal
37 taxable income but disallowed for Missouri income tax purposes pursuant to this subdivision
38 after June 18, 2002, may be carried forward and taken against any income on the Missouri
39 income tax return for a period of not more than twenty years from the year of the initial loss;
40 ~~and~~

41 (5) For nonresident individuals in all taxable years ending on or after December 31,
42 2006, the amount of any property taxes paid to another state or a political subdivision of
43 another state for which a deduction was allowed on such nonresident's federal return in the
44 taxable year unless such state, political subdivision of a state, or the District of Columbia
45 allows a subtraction from income for property taxes paid to this state for purposes of
46 calculating income for the income tax for such state, political subdivision of a state, or the
47 District of Columbia;

48 (6) For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, any interest expense paid
49 or accrued in a previous taxable year, but allowed as a deduction under 26 U.S.C. Section
50 163, as amended, in the current taxable year by reason of the carryforward of disallowed
51 business interest provisions of 26 U.S.C. Section 163(j), as amended. For the purposes of this
52 subdivision, an interest expense is considered paid or accrued only in the first taxable year the
53 deduction would have been allowable under 26 U.S.C. Section 163, as amended, if the
54 limitation under 26 U.S.C. Section 163(j), as amended, did not exist; **and**

55 **(7) For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, the amount deducted**
56 **by the taxpayer under 26 U.S.C. Section 174(a)(2)(B), as amended, for the tax year.**

57 3. There shall be subtracted from the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income the
58 following amounts to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income:

59 (1) Interest received on deposits held at a federal reserve bank or interest or dividends
60 on obligations of the United States and its territories and possessions or of any authority,
61 commission or instrumentality of the United States to the extent exempt from Missouri
62 income taxes pursuant to the laws of the United States. The amount subtracted pursuant to
63 this subdivision shall be reduced by any interest on indebtedness incurred to carry the
64 described obligations or securities and by any expenses incurred in the production of interest
65 or dividend income described in this subdivision. The reduction in the previous sentence
66 shall only apply to the extent that such expenses including amortizable bond premiums are
67 deducted in determining the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income or included in the
68 taxpayer's Missouri itemized deduction. The reduction shall only be made if the expenses
69 total at least five hundred dollars;

70 (2) The portion of any gain, from the sale or other disposition of property having a
71 higher adjusted basis to the taxpayer for Missouri income tax purposes than for federal
72 income tax purposes on December 31, 1972, that does not exceed such difference in basis. If
73 a gain is considered a long-term capital gain for federal income tax purposes, the modification
74 shall be limited to one-half of such portion of the gain;

75 (3) The amount necessary to prevent the taxation pursuant to this chapter of any
76 annuity or other amount of income or gain which was properly included in income or gain and
77 was taxed pursuant to the laws of Missouri for a taxable year prior to January 1, 1973, to the
78 taxpayer, or to a decedent by reason of whose death the taxpayer acquired the right to receive
79 the income or gain, or to a trust or estate from which the taxpayer received the income or
80 gain;

81 (4) Accumulation distributions received by a taxpayer as a beneficiary of a trust to the
82 extent that the same are included in federal adjusted gross income;

83 (5) The amount of any state income tax refund for a prior year which was included in
84 the federal adjusted gross income;

85 (6) The portion of capital gain specified in section 135.357 that would otherwise be
86 included in federal adjusted gross income;

87 (7) The amount that would have been deducted in the computation of federal taxable
88 income pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code as in effect on
89 January 1, 2002, to the extent that amount relates to property purchased on or after July 1,
90 2002, but before July 1, 2003, and to the extent that amount exceeds the amount actually

91 deducted pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code as amended by the
92 Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002;

93 (8) For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, the amount of any income
94 received for military service while the taxpayer serves in a combat zone which is included in
95 federal adjusted gross income and not otherwise excluded therefrom. As used in this section,
96 "combat zone" means any area which the President of the United States by Executive Order
97 designates as an area in which Armed Forces of the United States are or have engaged in
98 combat. Service is performed in a combat zone only if performed on or after the date
99 designated by the President by Executive Order as the date of the commencing of combat
100 activities in such zone, and on or before the date designated by the President by Executive
101 Order as the date of the termination of combatant activities in such zone;

102 (9) For all tax years ending on or after July 1, 2002, with respect to qualified property
103 that is sold or otherwise disposed of during a taxable year by a taxpayer and for which an
104 additional modification was made under subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of this section, the
105 amount by which additional modification made under subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of this
106 section on qualified property has not been recovered through the additional subtractions
107 provided in subdivision (7) of this subsection;

108 (10) For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, the amount of any
109 income received as payment from any program which provides compensation to agricultural
110 producers who have suffered a loss as the result of a disaster or emergency, including the:

- 111 (a) Livestock Forage Disaster Program;
- 112 (b) Livestock Indemnity Program;
- 113 (c) Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish;
- 114 (d) Emergency Conservation Program;
- 115 (e) Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program;
- 116 (f) Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Pilot Insurance Program;
- 117 (g) Annual Forage Pilot Program;
- 118 (h) Livestock Risk Protection Insurance Plan;
- 119 (i) Livestock Gross Margin Insurance Plan;

120 (11) For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, any interest expense paid
121 or accrued in the current taxable year, but not deducted as a result of the limitation imposed
122 under 26 U.S.C. Section 163(j), as amended. For the purposes of this subdivision, an interest
123 expense is considered paid or accrued only in the first taxable year the deduction would have
124 been allowable under 26 U.S.C. Section 163, as amended, if the limitation under 26 U.S.C.
125 Section 163(j), as amended, did not exist;

126 (12) One hundred percent of any retirement benefits received by any taxpayer as a
127 result of the taxpayer's service in the Armed Forces of the United States, including reserve

128 components and the National Guard of this state, as defined in 32 U.S.C. Sections 101(3) and
129 109, and any other military force organized under the laws of this state; ~~and~~

130 (13) For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, one hundred percent of
131 any federal, state, or local grant moneys received by the taxpayer if the grant money was
132 disbursed for the express purpose of providing or expanding access to broadband internet to
133 areas of the state deemed to be lacking such access; **and**

134 **(14) For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, the amount of**
135 **specified research or experimental expenditures that are both required to be charged to**
136 **capital account and actually are charged to capital account as required by 26 U.S.C.**
137 **Section 174(a)(2)(A), as amended, for the tax year, after any reduction to that amount**
138 **under 26 U.S.C. Section 280C(c), as amended.**

139 4. There shall be added to or subtracted from the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross
140 income the taxpayer's share of the Missouri fiduciary adjustment provided in section 143.351.

141 5. There shall be added to or subtracted from the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross
142 income the modifications provided in section 143.411.

143 6. In addition to the modifications to a taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income in this
144 section, to calculate Missouri adjusted gross income there shall be subtracted from the
145 taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income any gain recognized pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Section
146 1033 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, arising from compulsory or
147 involuntary conversion of property as a result of condemnation or the imminence thereof.

148 7. (1) As used in this subsection, "qualified health insurance premium" means the
149 amount paid during the tax year by such taxpayer for any insurance policy primarily
150 providing health care coverage for the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, or the taxpayer's
151 dependents.

152 (2) In addition to the subtractions in subsection 3 of this section, one hundred percent
153 of the amount of qualified health insurance premiums shall be subtracted from the taxpayer's
154 federal adjusted gross income to the extent the amount paid for such premiums is included in
155 federal taxable income. The taxpayer shall provide the department of revenue with proof of
156 the amount of qualified health insurance premiums paid.

157 8. (1) Beginning January 1, 2014, in addition to the subtractions provided in this
158 section, one hundred percent of the cost incurred by a taxpayer for a home energy audit
159 conducted by an entity certified by the department of natural resources under section 640.153
160 or the implementation of any energy efficiency recommendations made in such an audit shall
161 be subtracted from the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income to the extent the amount paid
162 for any such activity is included in federal taxable income. The taxpayer shall provide the
163 department of revenue with a summary of any recommendations made in a qualified home
164 energy audit, the name and certification number of the qualified home energy auditor who

165 conducted the audit, and proof of the amount paid for any activities under this subsection for
166 which a deduction is claimed. The taxpayer shall also provide a copy of the summary of any
167 recommendations made in a qualified home energy audit to the department of natural
168 resources.

169 (2) At no time shall a deduction claimed under this subsection by an individual
170 taxpayer or taxpayers filing combined returns exceed one thousand dollars per year for
171 individual taxpayers or cumulatively exceed two thousand dollars per year for taxpayers
172 filing combined returns.

173 (3) Any deduction claimed under this subsection shall be claimed for the tax year in
174 which the qualified home energy audit was conducted or in which the implementation of the
175 energy efficiency recommendations occurred. If implementation of the energy efficiency
176 recommendations occurred during more than one year, the deduction may be claimed in more
177 than one year, subject to the limitations provided under subdivision (2) of this subsection.

178 (4) A deduction shall not be claimed for any otherwise eligible activity under this
179 subsection if such activity qualified for and received any rebate or other incentive through a
180 state-sponsored energy program or through an electric corporation, gas corporation, electric
181 cooperative, or municipally owned utility.

182 9. The provisions of subsection 8 of this section shall expire on December 31, 2020.

183 10. (1) As used in this subsection, the following terms mean:

184 (a) "Beginning farmer", a taxpayer who:

185 a. Has filed at least one but not more than ten Internal Revenue Service Schedule F
186 (Form 1040) Profit or Loss From Farming forms since turning eighteen years of age;

187 b. Is approved for a beginning farmer loan through the USDA Farm Service Agency
188 Beginning Farmer direct or guaranteed loan program;

189 c. Has a farming operation that is determined by the department of agriculture to be
190 new production agriculture but is the principal operator of a farm and has substantial farming
191 knowledge; or

192 d. Has been determined by the department of agriculture to be a qualified family
193 member;

194 (b) "Farm owner", an individual who owns farmland and disposes of or relinquishes
195 use of all or some portion of such farmland as follows:

196 a. A sale to a beginning farmer;

197 b. A lease or rental agreement not exceeding ten years with a beginning farmer; or

198 c. A crop-share arrangement not exceeding ten years with a beginning farmer;

199 (c) "Qualified family member", an individual who is related to a farm owner within
200 the fourth degree by blood, marriage, or adoption and who is purchasing or leasing or is in a
201 crop-share arrangement for land from all or a portion of such farm owner's farming operation.

202 (2) (a) In addition to all other subtractions authorized in this section, a taxpayer who
203 is a farm owner who sells all or a portion of such farmland to a beginning farmer may subtract
204 from such taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income an amount to the extent included in
205 federal adjusted gross income as provided in this subdivision.

206 (b) Subject to the limitations in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, the amount that may
207 be subtracted shall be equal to the portion of capital gains received from the sale of such
208 farmland that such taxpayer receives in the tax year for which such taxpayer subtracts such
209 capital gain.

210 (c) A taxpayer may subtract the following amounts and percentages per tax year in
211 total capital gains received from the sale of such farmland under this subdivision:

212 a. For the first two million dollars received, one hundred percent;

213 b. For the next one million dollars received, eighty percent;

214 c. For the next one million dollars received, sixty percent;

215 d. For the next one million dollars received, forty percent; and

216 e. For the next one million dollars received, twenty percent.

217 (d) The department of revenue shall prepare an annual report reviewing the costs and
218 benefits and containing statistical information regarding the subtraction of capital gains
219 authorized under this subdivision for the previous tax year including, but not limited to, the
220 total amount of all capital gains subtracted and the number of taxpayers subtracting such
221 capital gains. Such report shall be submitted before February first of each year to the
222 committee on agriculture policy of the Missouri house of representatives and the committee
223 on agriculture, food production and outdoor resources of the Missouri senate, or the successor
224 committees.

225 (3) (a) In addition to all other subtractions authorized in this section, a taxpayer who
226 is a farm owner who enters a lease or rental agreement for all or a portion of such farmland
227 with a beginning farmer may subtract from such taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income an
228 amount to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income as provided in this
229 subdivision.

230 (b) Subject to the limitation in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, the amount that may
231 be subtracted shall be equal to the portion of cash rent income received from the lease or
232 rental of such farmland that such taxpayer receives in the tax year for which such taxpayer
233 subtracts such income.

234 (c) No taxpayer shall subtract more than twenty-five thousand dollars per tax year in
235 total cash rent income received from the lease or rental of such farmland under this
236 subdivision.

237 (4) (a) In addition to all other subtractions authorized in this section, a taxpayer who
238 is a farm owner who enters a crop-share arrangement on all or a portion of such farmland with

239 a beginning farmer may subtract from such taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income an
240 amount to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income as provided in this
241 subdivision.

242 (b) Subject to the limitation in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, the amount that may
243 be subtracted shall be equal to the portion of income received from the crop-share
244 arrangement on such farmland that such taxpayer receives in the tax year for which such
245 taxpayer subtracts such income.

246 (c) No taxpayer shall subtract more than twenty-five thousand dollars per tax year in
247 total income received from the lease or rental of such farmland under this subdivision.

248 (5) The department of agriculture shall, by rule, establish a process to verify that a
249 taxpayer is a beginning farmer for purposes of this section and shall provide verification to
250 the beginning farmer and farm seller of such farmer's and seller's certification and
251 qualification for the exemption provided in this subsection.

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