

SENATE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 419
AN ACT

To repeal sections 41.890, 172.280, 172.640, 172.650, 172.651, 172.660, 172.661, 172.680, 172.720, 173.1153, 173.1352, 174.160, 174.231, 191.600, 191.603, 191.605, 191.607, 191.611, 191.614, 191.615, and 620.3250, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty new sections relating to education.

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

Section A. Sections 41.890, 172.280, 172.640, 172.650, 2 172.651, 172.660, 172.661, 172.680, 172.720, 173.1153, 3 173.1352, 174.160, 174.231, 191.600, 191.603, 191.605, 191.607, 4 191.611, 191.614, 191.615, and 620.3250, RSMo, are repealed and 5 twenty new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as 6 sections 41.890, 160.701, 172.280, 172.345, 172.640, 172.650, 7 173.1153, 173.1352, 173.2655, 173.2660, 174.160, 174.231, 8 191.600, 191.603, 191.605, 191.607, 191.611, 191.614, 191.615, 9 and 620.3250, to read as follows:

41.890. For the purposes of student resident status, 2 military personnel, when stationed within the state under 3 military orders, their spouses, and their unemancipated 4 children under twenty-four years of age who enroll in a 5 Missouri community college, Missouri college, or Missouri 6 state university shall be regarded as holding Missouri 7 resident status for undergraduate and graduate degree 8 programs.

160.701. 1. For purposes of this section, the 2 following terms mean:

3 (1) "Active duty", any person who is on full-time duty 4 status in the active uniformed service of the United States, 5 including members of the National Guard and Reserve on

6 active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and
7 1211;

8 (2) "Activities association", any nonprofit statewide
9 organization that facilitates interscholastic activities for
10 secondary school students, and whose members include at
11 least one public school district that pays any fees to such
12 association, including, but not limited to, activity
13 participation fees, tournament registration fees, membership
14 fees, or any other fees relating to membership in such
15 association or participation in any activities facilitated
16 by such association.

17 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
18 contrary, a statewide activities association shall not
19 require any student who is on active duty to attend a
20 minimum number of practices as a condition of such student's
21 membership on any group or team facilitated or overseen by
22 such association.

172.280. The curators shall have the authority to
2 confer, by diploma, under their common seal, on any person
3 whom they may judge worthy thereof, such degrees as are
4 known to and usually granted by any college or university.
5 The University of Missouri is the state's only public
6 research university [and the exclusive grantor of research
7 doctorates]. As such, [except as provided in section
8 175.040,] the University of Missouri shall be the only state
9 college or university that may offer research doctorates,
10 doctor of philosophy degrees, or first-professional degrees,
11 including dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, and
12 veterinary medicine, except as provided in sections 174.160
13 and 175.040.

172.345. The eleventh day of November of each year
2 shall be a public holiday for all employees of the
3 University of Missouri system in observance of Veterans

4 Day. When the eleventh day of November falls on a Saturday
5 or Sunday, the Monday next following shall be considered the
6 public holiday.

172.640. [Whenever said board shall contract with the
2 seller of any such bonds or securities, the board shall
3 requisition and the commissioner of administration shall
4 approve, and the state auditor shall forthwith issue, a
5 warrant upon the state treasurer for the purchase price
6 agreed upon, payable out of the seminary fund, in favor of
7 such seller. All bonds or securities so purchased shall be
8 made payable to, or be registered in the name of, the state
9 treasurer as trustee of the seminary fund and shall be
10 deposited as part of the seminary fund with the state
11 treasurer who shall give his receipt therefor to said board
12 of curators.]

1. The state university shall enter into an
13 agreement with the state treasurer pursuant to section
14 30.286 to establish a separate custodial account at a
15 financial institution in which the moneys in the seminary
16 fund shall be deposited and held.

2. The state university shall invest the moneys in the
18 custodial account in government bonds pursuant to section
19 172.630.

3. The earnings on such bonds in the custodial account
21 may be withdrawn by the state university, and any
22 withdrawals shall be used by the state university for the
23 maintenance of the state university, its college of
24 agriculture, and its campus in Rolla.

4. The state university shall provide a report from
26 the financial institution as to the receipts and
27 expenditures from the custodial account to the state
28 treasurer no less often than annually.

172.650. 1. All of the state certificates of
2 indebtedness issued to, and part of, the seminary fund,

3 whether original certificates or renewals thereof, are
4 hereby confirmed as sacred obligations of the state to said
5 fund, and they shall be and remain nonnegotiable,
6 unconvertible and untransferable from the purposes of their
7 issue, and they shall remain so much of the permanent
8 seminary fund as is represented by their amounts,
9 respectively, until they shall be liquidated by the general
10 assembly by appropriation and payment of the face amounts
11 thereof to the seminary fund.

12 2. The general assembly may provide for the partial
13 liquidation of any and all of said certificates by
14 appropriation and payment to the seminary fund of a portion
15 or portions of the face amounts thereof and, in any such
16 event, a new certificate of indebtedness shall issue for the
17 balance of the face amount of such partially liquidated
18 certificate which remains unpaid after such partial
19 liquidation.

20 [3. When the certificates of indebtedness of the state
21 to the seminary fund shall mature, renewal certificates in
22 form substantially similar to the maturing certificates and
23 for like amounts, payable to the state treasurer as trustee
24 of the seminary fund, with like maturities, and bearing the
25 same rates of interest, payable in like manner, as provided
26 in the maturing certificates, shall be executed,
27 countersigned, and sealed in like manner as specified in
28 section 172.611.

29 4. Upon the execution of such renewal certificates,
30 they shall be deposited with the state treasurer as part of
31 the seminary fund and the matured certificates of
32 indebtedness shall be forthwith cancelled by the state
33 treasurer. Receipts for all original and renewal
34 certificates of indebtedness deposited in the state
35 treasury, and notices of all cancellations thereof, shall be

36 given by the state treasurer to the board of curators of the
37 state university.]

173.1153. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to
2 the contrary, any individual who is currently serving in the
3 Missouri National Guard or in a reserve component of the
4 Armed Forces of the United States shall be deemed to be
5 domiciled in this state for purposes of eligibility for in-
6 state tuition at any approved public institution in Missouri
7 for undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

8 2. To be eligible for in-state tuition under this
9 section, any such individual shall demonstrate presence
10 within the state of Missouri. For purposes of attending a
11 community college, an individual shall demonstrate presence
12 within the taxing district of the community college he or
13 she attends.

14 3. If any such individual is eligible to receive
15 financial assistance under any other federal or state
16 student aid program, public or private, the full amount of
17 such aid shall be reported to the coordinating board for
18 higher education by the institution and the individual. The
19 tuition limitation under this section shall be provided
20 after all other federal and state aid for which the
21 individual is eligible has been applied, and no individual
22 shall receive more than the actual cost of attendance when
23 the limitation is combined with other aid made available to
24 such individual.

25 4. The coordinating board for higher education shall
26 promulgate rules to implement this section.

27 5. For purposes of this section, "approved public
28 institution" shall have the same meaning as provided in
29 subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of section 173.1102.

30 6. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
31 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the

authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

173.1352. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Advanced placement examination", any examination administered through the College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP);

(2) "Institution", any in-state public community college, college, or university that offers postsecondary freshman-level courses;

(3) "International baccalaureate examination", any examination for assessment purposes administered through the International Baccalaureate Organization at the end of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

2. (1) Each institution shall adopt and implement a policy to grant undergraduate course credit to entering freshman students for each advanced placement examination upon which such student achieves a score of three or higher, or each international baccalaureate examination for an international baccalaureate diploma programme course upon which such student achieves a score of four or higher, for any similarly correlated course offered by the institution at the time of such student's acceptance into the institution.

(2) In the policy, the institution shall:

(a) Establish the institution's conditions for granting course credit; and

(b) Identify the specific course credit or other academic requirements of the institution, including the number of semester credit hours or other course credit, that the institution will grant to a student who achieves required scores on advanced placement examinations or international baccalaureate examinations.

3. On request of an applicant for admission as an entering freshman, and based on information provided by the applicant, an institution shall determine and notify the applicant regarding:

(1) The amount and type of any course credit that would be granted to the applicant under the policy; and

(2) Any other academic requirement that the applicant would satisfy under the policy.

173.2655. 1. This section and section 173.2660 shall be known and may be cited as the "Public Safety Recruitment and Retention Act".

2. For purposes of this section and section 173.2660, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms mean:

(1) "Advanced emergency medical technician", as such term is defined in section 190.100;

(2) "Department", the department of higher education and workforce development;

(3) "Emergency medical technician", as such term is defined in section 190.100;

(4) "Firefighter", any officer or employee of a fire department who is employed for the purpose of fighting fires, excluding volunteer firefighters and anyone employed in a clerical or other capacity not involving fire-fighting duties;

18 (5) "Institution of higher education", a public
19 community college, state college, or state university
20 located in Missouri; or an approved private institution, as
21 such term is defined in section 173.1102, that chooses to
22 accept any tuition award money pursuant to subdivision (2)
23 of subsection 7 of this section; or an emergency medical
24 services training entity accredited or certified by the
25 Missouri department of health and senior services pursuant
26 to the provisions of section 190.131;

27 (6) "Legal dependent", as such term is defined by the
28 United States Department of Education for purposes of the
29 Free Application for Student Financial Aid;

30 (7) "Line of duty", any action that public safety
31 personnel is authorized or obligated by law, rule, or
32 regulation to perform, related to or as a condition of
33 employment or service;

34 (8) "Open seat", a vacant position in a class, course,
35 or program that is available for enrollment, and which may
36 become available when a student drops out or transfers, or
37 when a class, course, or program has unused capacity,
38 allowing new students to register or enroll;

39 (9) "Paramedic", as such term is defined in section
40 190.100;

41 (10) "Police officer", any person who, by virtue of
42 office or public employment, is vested by law with the power
43 and duty to make arrests for violation of the laws of the
44 state of Missouri or ordinances of any municipality thereof,
45 while acting within the scope of his or her authority as an
46 employee of a public law enforcement agency, as such term is
47 defined in section 590.1040;

48 (11) "Public safety personnel", includes any police
49 officer, firefighter, paramedic, telecommunicator first
50 responder, emergency medical technician, or advanced

emergency medical technician who is trained and authorized
by law or rule to render emergency medical assistance or
treatment;

(12) "Telecommunicator first responder", as such term
is defined in section 650.320;

(13) "Tuition", the charges and cost of tuition as set
by the governing body of an institution of higher education,
including fees such as course fees, activity fees,
technology fees, and mandatory fees charged by such
institution to all full-time students as a condition of
enrollment, but excluding the costs of room, board, books,
and any other educational materials, equipment, or supplies.

3. Subject to appropriation, public safety personnel
with at least six years of service shall be entitled to an
award worth up to one hundred percent of the resident
tuition charges of an institution of higher education if the
individual:

(1) Possesses one of the following:

(a) A current, valid license issued by the department
of health and senior services authorizing such person to
serve as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency
medical technician, or paramedic;

(b) A current, valid license issued by the peace
officer standards and training commission authorizing such
person to serve as a peace officer pursuant to the
provisions of chapter 590;

(c) A current, valid certificate issued by the
division of fire safety authorizing such person to serve as
a firefighter; or

(d) A current, valid certificate confirming successful
completion of any ongoing training requirements pursuant to
section 650.340; and

83 (e) For all public safety personnel, a certificate of
84 verification signed by the individual's supervisor or
85 employer verifying that such individual is currently
86 employed full-time as public safety personnel and trained
87 and authorized by law or rule to render emergency medical
88 assistance or treatment;

89 (2) Meets all admission requirements of the
90 institution of higher education;

91 (3) Has not already earned a baccalaureate degree;

92 (4) Pursues studies leading to a license or
93 certification issued by a training entity accredited or
94 certified pursuant to the provisions of section 190.131, an
95 associate degree or baccalaureate degree in one of the
96 following academic subject areas:

97 (a) For police officers, eligible subjects include
98 forensic science, fisheries and wildlife, political science,
99 psychology, history, philosophy, sociology, anthropology,
100 global studies, Spanish, journalism, advertising, public
101 relations, nutrition and health sciences, communication
102 sciences and disorders, and criminal justice;

103 (b) For firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical
104 technicians, and advanced emergency medical technicians,
105 eligible subjects include biology, chemistry, biochemistry,
106 microbiology, nutrition and health sciences, communication
107 sciences and disorders, Spanish, advertising, public
108 relations, paramedicine, fire science, fire technology, fire
109 administration, fire management, communications, homeland
110 security, emergency management, disaster management, and
111 crisis management; and

112 (c) For telecommunicator first responders, eligible
113 subjects include any subject specified in paragraph (a) or
114 (b) of this subdivision;

115 (5) Submits verification of the professional license
116 or certificate and the certificate of verification required
117 by subdivision (1) of this subsection to the department, in
118 a form and manner as prescribed by the department;

119 (6) Files with the department documentation showing
120 proof of employment as public safety personnel and proof of
121 residence in Missouri each year such individual or such
122 individual's legal dependent applies for and receives the
123 tuition award;

124 (7) First applies for all other forms of federal and
125 state student financial aid before applying for a tuition
126 award, including, but not limited to, filing the United
127 States Department of Education Free Application for Federal
128 Student Aid and, if applicable, applying for financial
129 assistance pursuant to the provisions of 38 U.S.C. Section
130 3301, et seq.; and

131 (8) Submits a document to the department confirming
132 that the public safety personnel has satisfied the
133 provisions of subdivision (7) of this subsection, to be
134 submitted in a form and manner as prescribed by the
135 department.

136 4. Public safety personnel may receive the tuition
137 award pursuant to subsection 3 of this section for up to
138 five years if they otherwise continue to be eligible for the
139 tuition award. The five years of tuition award eligibility
140 starts once the individual applies for and receives the
141 tuition award for the first time and is available to such
142 individual for the next five consecutive years or the
143 individual's achievement of one hundred twenty credit hours,
144 whichever occurs first.

145 5. Subject to appropriation, a legal dependent of
146 public safety personnel with at least ten years of service
147 shall be entitled to a tuition award worth up to one hundred

percent of the resident tuition charges of an institution of higher education for an associate or baccalaureate degree program if such public safety personnel satisfies the provisions of subdivisions (1), (5), and (6) of subsection 3 of this section and the legal dependent:

(1) Executes an agreement with the department in accordance with the provisions of section 173.2660;

(2) Has not previously earned a baccalaureate degree;

(3) Meets all admission requirements of the institution of higher education;

(4) First applies for all other forms of federal and state student financial aid before applying for a tuition award, including, but not limited to, filing the United States Department of Education Free Application for Federal Student Aid and, if applicable, applying for financial assistance pursuant to the provisions of 38 U.S.C. Section 3301, et seq.;

(5) Submits a document to the department confirming that the legal dependent has satisfied subdivision (4) of this subsection, to be submitted in a form and manner as prescribed by the department;

(6) Submits the verification required pursuant to subsection 8 of this section to the department; and

(7) Pursues studies leading to a license or certification issued by a training entity accredited or certified pursuant to the provisions of section 190.131, an associate degree or baccalaureate degree in any one of the subject areas specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subdivision (4) of subsection 3 of this section.

6. A legal dependent may receive the tuition award for up to five years if the public safety personnel and the legal dependent continue to be eligible for such tuition award. The five years of tuition award eligibility starts

181 once the legal dependent applies for and receives the
182 tuition award for the first time and is available to such
183 legal dependent for the next five consecutive years or the
184 legal dependent's achievement of one hundred twenty credit
185 hours, whichever occurs first.

186 7. The tuition award shall be worth:

187 (1) Up to one hundred percent of the public safety
188 personnel's or the legal dependent's tuition remaining due
189 after subtracting awarded federal financial aid grants and
190 state scholarships and grants for the eligible public safety
191 personnel or legal dependent during the time the public
192 safety personnel or legal dependent is enrolled. To remain
193 eligible, the public safety personnel or legal dependent
194 shall comply with all requirements of the institution for
195 continued attendance and award of an associate degree or a
196 baccalaureate degree; or

197 (2) In the case of tuition at an approved private
198 institution, up to one hundred percent of the public safety
199 personnel's or the legal dependent's tuition remaining due
200 after subtracting awarded federal financial aid grants and
201 state scholarships and grants for the eligible public safety
202 personnel or legal dependent during the time the public
203 safety personnel or legal dependent is enrolled, up to a
204 maximum amount that is equal to the total cost of tuition
205 and mandatory fees charged to a Missouri resident at the
206 public community college, state college, or state university
207 with the highest combined tuition and mandatory fee cost in
208 the state at the time a tuition grant is awarded, as
209 determined by the department. A private institution that
210 chooses to accept as a tuition payment any tuition award
211 money pursuant to this subdivision shall not charge the
212 recipient of the tuition award any tuition that exceeds the
213 maximum combined tuition and mandatory fee cost as

determined by the department prior to the application of the
tuition award.

8. (1) An application for a tuition award shall
include a verification of the public safety personnel's
satisfaction of the requirements of subdivisions (1), (5),
and (6) of subsection 3 of this section. The public safety
personnel shall include such verification when he or she or
his or her legal dependent is applying to the department for
a tuition waiver.

(2) The death of public safety personnel in the line
of duty which occurs after submission of an application for
a tuition award shall not disqualify such individual's
otherwise eligible legal dependent from receiving the
tuition award. In such case, in lieu of submitting the
certificate of verification provided for in subdivision (1)
of this subsection, the legal dependent shall submit a
statement attesting that:

(a) At the time of death, such public safety personnel
satisfied the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
subsection; and

(b) Such public safety personnel died in the line of
duty.

9. The department shall provide a tuition award to
public safety personnel and legal dependents who satisfy the
provisions of this section and section 173.2660, if
applicable, and apply for an open seat at an institution of
higher education, but shall not provide a tuition award if
doing so would require the institution to create additional
seats exceeding class, course, or program capacity.

10. All applicants for a tuition award shall submit
their applications to the department no later than December
fifteenth annually. No later than March first annually, the
department shall send written notice of the applicant's

247 eligibility or ineligibility for the tuition award and state
248 whether the application has been approved or denied. If the
249 applicant is determined not to be eligible for the tuition
250 award, the notice shall include the reason or reasons for
251 such determination. If the application is denied, the
252 notice shall include the reason or reasons for the denial.

253 11. The department shall promulgate rules to implement
254 the provisions of this section and section 173.2660. Any
255 rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in
256 section 536.010, that is created under the authority
257 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it
258 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of
259 chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This
260 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the
261 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter
262 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove
263 and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,
264 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed
265 or adopted after August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.

266 12. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury
267 the "Public Safety Recruitment and Retention Fund", which
268 shall consist of moneys appropriated by the general assembly
269 or any gifts, donations, or bequests for the purpose of
270 implementing the provisions of this section and section
271 173.2660. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the
272 fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the
273 state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall
274 be a dedicated fund and money in the fund shall be used
275 solely by the department of higher education and workforce
276 development for the purpose of granting tuition awards as
277 provided in this section and section 173.2660.

278 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080
279 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end

of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the
general revenue fund.

(3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the
fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any
interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be
credited to the fund.

13. In any year in which moneys in the public safety
recruitment and retention fund are insufficient to fully
fund tuition awards for all eligible applicants, tuition
awards shall be awarded in the following order of priority;
provided that, in the event of a tie in eligibility,
available funds shall be distributed on a pro rata basis:

(1) Priority class one shall include public safety
personnel, in the following order:

(a) Public safety personnel in departments located
wholly or partially in counties or cities not within a
county with the highest crime rate per capita, as determined
by the most recent uniform crime reporting statistics from
the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

(b) Public safety personnel with the most years of
service; and

(2) Priority class two shall include dependents of
public safety personnel, in the following order:

(a) Dependents of public safety personnel in
departments located wholly or partially in counties or
cities not within a county with the highest crime rate per
capita, as determined by the most recent uniform crime
reporting statistics from the Federal Bureau of
Investigation; and

(b) Dependents of public safety personnel with the
most years of service.

14. The tuition awards provided for in this section
and section 173.2660 are subject to appropriation. If there

313 are no moneys in the fund established in subsection 12 of
314 this section, no tuition awards shall be granted.

173.2660. 1. Each legal dependent who is a tuition
2 award recipient pursuant to the provisions of section
3 173.2655 shall execute an agreement as provided in this
4 section. Such agreement shall include the following terms,
5 as appropriate:

6 (1) The tuition award recipient agrees to reside
7 within the state of Missouri for a period of five years
8 following the use of the tuition award;

9 (2) Each year during the five-year period following
10 use of the tuition award, the tuition award recipient agrees
11 to file a state income tax return and provide a copy of such
12 tax return to the department to document that such recipient
13 still resides in the state of Missouri;

14 (3) If the tuition award recipient fails to annually
15 file a tax return to prove residency in the state of
16 Missouri for the five-year period following the use of the
17 tuition award or fails to remain a resident of Missouri for
18 the five-year period following the use of the tuition award,
19 the tuition award recipient agrees that the tuition award
20 shall be treated as a loan to such recipient, subject to the
21 following conditions:

22 (a) Interest shall be charged on the unpaid balance of
23 the amount received from the date the recipient ceases to
24 reside in Missouri until the amount received is paid back to
25 the state. The interest rate shall be adjusted annually and
26 shall be equal to one percentage point over the prevailing
27 United States prime rate in effect on January first of such
28 year; and

29 (b) The servicer of such loans shall be the higher
30 education loan authority of the state of Missouri created
31 pursuant to sections 173.350 to 173.445; and

32 (4) Any residency, filing, or payment obligation
33 incurred by the tuition award recipient under section
34 173.2655 is canceled in the event of the tuition award
35 recipient's total and permanent disability or death.

36 2. The five-year residency requirement begins once the
37 legal dependent applies for and receives the tuition award
38 for the first time and continues until the tuition award
39 recipient's:

40 (1) Completion of the five-year tuition award
41 eligibility period;

42 (2) Completion of a baccalaureate degree at an
43 institution of higher education;

44 (3) Completion of an associate degree at a public
45 community college and notification to the department that
46 such recipient does not intend to pursue a baccalaureate
47 degree or additional associate degree using tuition awards
48 pursuant to the public safety recruitment and retention act;
49 or

50 (4) Notification to the department that such recipient
51 does not plan to use additional tuition awards pursuant to
52 the public safety recruitment and retention act.

174.160. 1. The board of regents of each state
2 college and each state teachers college shall have power and
3 authority to confer upon students, by diploma under the
4 common seal, such degrees as are usually granted by such
5 colleges, and additional degrees only when authorized by the
6 coordinating board for higher education in circumstances in
7 which offering such degree would not unnecessarily duplicate
8 an existing program, collaboration is not feasible or a
9 viable means of meeting the needs of students and employers,
10 and the institution has the academic and financial capacity
11 to offer the program in a high-quality manner. In the case
12 of nonresearch doctoral degrees in allied health

13 professions, an institution may be authorized to offer such
14 degree independently if offering it in collaboration with
15 another institution would not increase the quality of the
16 program or allow it to be delivered more efficiently. Such
17 boards shall have the power and authority to confer degrees
18 in engineering only in collaboration with the University of
19 Missouri, provided that such collaborative agreements are
20 approved by the governing board of each institution and that
21 in these instances the University of Missouri will be the
22 degree-granting institution. Should the University of
23 Missouri decline to collaborate in the offering of such
24 programs, one of these institutions may seek approval of the
25 program through the coordinating board for higher
26 education's comprehensive review process when doing so would
27 not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program,
28 collaboration is not feasible or a viable means of meeting
29 the needs of students and employers, and the institution has
30 the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in
31 a high-quality manner.

32 2. Notwithstanding sections 172.280 and 174.225, the
33 board of governors of Missouri State University shall have
34 the power and authority to grant doctor of philosophy
35 degrees in disciplines other than engineering and to grant
36 bachelor of science degrees in veterinary technology.

174.231. 1. On and after August 28, 2005, the
2 institution formerly known as Missouri Southern State
3 College located in Joplin, Jasper County, shall be known as
4 "Missouri Southern State University". Missouri Southern
5 State University is hereby designated and shall hereafter be
6 operated as a statewide institution of international or
7 global education, health and life sciences, and immersive
8 learning experiences. The Missouri Southern State
9 University is hereby designated a moderately selective

10 institution which shall provide associate degree programs
11 except as provided in subsection 2 of this section,
12 baccalaureate degree programs, and graduate degree programs
13 pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection 2 of
14 section 173.005. The institution shall develop such
15 academic support programs and public service activities it
16 deems necessary and appropriate to establish international
17 or global education as a distinctive theme of its mission.

18 2. As of July 1, 2008, Missouri Southern State
19 University shall discontinue any and all associate degree
20 programs unless the continuation of such associate degree
21 programs is approved by the coordinating board for higher
22 education pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of
23 section 173.005.

191.600. 1. Sections 191.600 to 191.615 establish a
2 loan repayment program for graduates of [approved medical
3 schools, schools of osteopathic medicine, schools of
4 dentistry and accredited chiropractic colleges] an
5 accredited graduate training program in any discipline
6 designated in rule by the department who practice in areas
7 of defined need [and shall be known as the "Health
8 Professional Student Loan Repayment Program". Sections
9 191.600 to 191.615 shall apply to graduates of accredited
10 chiropractic colleges when federal guidelines for
11 chiropractic shortage areas are developed], to be known as
12 the "Missouri State Loan Repayment Program (MOSLRP)". In
13 designating disciplines, the department shall comply with
14 limitations set forth in the National Health Service Corps
15 Loan Repayment Program, 42 U.S.C. Section 254l-1, and any
16 related notices of funding opportunity.

17 2. The ["Health Professional Student Loan and]
18 "Missouri State Loan Repayment Program Fund" is hereby
19 created in the state treasury. All funds recovered from an

20 individual pursuant to section 191.614 and all funds
21 generated by loan repayments and penalties received pursuant
22 to section 191.540 shall be credited to the fund. The
23 moneys in the fund shall be used by the department of health
24 and senior services to provide loan repayments pursuant to
25 section 191.611 in accordance with sections 191.600 to
26 191.614.

191.603. As used in sections 191.600 to 191.615, the
2 following terms shall mean:

3 (1) "Areas of defined need", areas designated by the
4 department pursuant to section 191.605, when services [of a
5 physician, including a psychiatrist, chiropractor, or
6 dentist] are needed to improve the patient-health
7 professional ratio in the area, to contribute health care
8 professional services to an area of economic impact, or to
9 contribute health care professional services to an area
10 suffering from the effects of a natural disaster;

11 (2) ["Chiropractor", a person licensed and registered
12 pursuant to chapter 331;

13 (3)] "Department", the department of health and senior
14 services[;

15 (4) "General dentist", dentists licensed and
16 registered pursuant to chapter 332 engaged in general
17 dentistry and who are providing such services to the general
18 population;

19 (5) "Primary care physician", physicians licensed and
20 registered pursuant to chapter 334 engaged in general or
21 family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics or obstetrics
22 and gynecology as their primary specialties, and who are
23 providing such primary care services to the general
24 population;

25 (6) "Psychiatrist", the same meaning as in section
26 632.005].

191.605. 1. The department shall designate counties,
communities, or sections of urban areas as areas of defined
need for medical, psychiatric, [chiropractic,] or dental
services when such county, community or section of an urban
area has been designated as a primary care health
professional shortage area, a mental health care
professional shortage area, or a dental health care
professional shortage area by the federal Department of
Health and Human Services, or has been determined by the
director of the department of health and senior services to
have an extraordinary need for health care professional
services, without a corresponding supply of such
professionals.

2. Annually, at least thirty-five percent of the
appropriated funds allocated for the Missouri state loan
repayment program shall be designated for awards to primary
care physicians and general dentists. Any unused portion of
such designated funds shall be made available within the
same fiscal year to the other types of health professions
designated by the department under section 191.600.

191.607. The department shall adopt and promulgate
regulations establishing standards for determining eligible
persons for loan repayment pursuant to sections 191.600 to
191.615. These standards shall include, but are not limited
to the following:

- (1) Citizenship or permanent residency in the United States;
- (2) Residence in the state of Missouri;
- (3) [Enrollment as a full-time medical student in the
final year of a course of study offered by an approved
educational institution or licensed to practice medicine or
osteopathy pursuant to chapter 334, including psychiatrists;

(4) Enrollment as a full-time dental student in the final year of course study offered by an approved educational institution or licensed to practice general dentistry pursuant to chapter 332;

(5) Enrollment as a full-time chiropractic student in the final year of course study offered by an approved educational institution or licensed to practice chiropractic medicine pursuant to chapter 331] Authorization to practice as any type of health professional designated in section 191.600;

[(6)] (4) Practice in an area of defined need; and

(5) Submission of an application for loan repayment.

191.611. 1. A loan payment provided for an individual under a written contract under the [health professional student loan payment] Missouri state loan repayment program shall consist of payment on behalf of the individual of the principal, interest, and related expenses on government and commercial loans received by the individual for tuition, fees, books, laboratory, and living expenses incurred by the individual.

2. For each year of obligated services that an individual contracts to serve in an area of defined need, the director may pay an amount not to exceed the maximum amounts allowed under the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, 42 U.S.C. Section [2541-1, P.L. 106-213] 2541-1, on behalf of the individual for loans described in subsection 1 of this section.

3. The department may enter into an agreement with the holder of the loans for which repayments are made pursuant to the [health professional student loan payment] Missouri state loan repayment program to establish a schedule for the making of such payments if the establishment of such a schedule would result in reducing the costs to the state.

22 4. Any qualifying communities providing a portion of a
23 loan repayment shall be considered first for placement.

191.614. 1. [An individual who has entered into a
2 written contract with the department; and in the case of an
3 individual who is enrolled in the final year of a course of
4 study and fails to maintain an acceptable level of academic
5 standing in the educational institution in which such
6 individual is enrolled or voluntarily terminates such
7 enrollment or is dismissed from such educational institution
8 before completion of such course of study or fails to become
9 licensed pursuant to chapter 331, 332 or 334 within one year
10 shall be liable to the state for the amount which has been
11 paid on his or her behalf under the contract.]

12 2.] If an individual breaches the written contract of
13 the individual by failing either to begin such individual's
14 service obligation or to complete such service obligation,
15 the state shall be entitled to recover from the individual
16 an amount equal to the sum of:

17 (1) The total of the amounts prepaid by the state on
18 behalf of the individual;

19 (2) The interest on the amounts which would be payable
20 if at the time the amounts were paid they were loans bearing
21 interest at the maximum prevailing rate as determined by the
22 Treasurer of the United States;

23 (3) An amount equal to any damages incurred by the
24 department as a result of the breach; and

25 (4) Any legal fees or associated costs incurred by the
26 department or the state of Missouri in the collection of
27 damages.

28 [3.] 2. The department may act on behalf of a
29 qualified community to recover from an individual described
30 in [subsections 1 and 2 of] this section the portion of a
31 loan repayment paid by such community for such individual.

191.615. 1. The department shall submit a grant application to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services as prescribed by the secretary to obtain federal funds to finance the [health professional student] Missouri state loan repayment program.

2. Sections 191.600 to 191.615 shall not be construed to require the department to enter into contracts with individuals who qualify for the [health professional student] Missouri state loan repayment program when federal and state funds are not available for such purpose.

620.3250. 1. Any veteran who receives a small business loan through the state treasurer's linked deposit program set forth in sections 30.750 to 30.765 [shall also be subject to the provisions of this section.

[2.] may, after receiving a loan from an eligible lending institution, as that term is defined in subdivision (10) of section 30.750, [the owner of a veteran-owned small business shall] complete a boots-to-business program that is approved by the department.

[3.] 2. After receiving a loan from an eligible lending institution, as that term is defined in subdivision (10) of section 30.750, the owner of a veteran-owned small business participating in the boots-to-business program will be assigned a mentor for the three hundred sixty-five days following the date of approval. The boots-to-business program shall give the participating owner [shall] the opportunity to meet with his or her mentor at least once every ninety days.

[4.] 3. The department may adopt rules in establishing or approving boots-to-business programs under subsection [2] 1 of this section and mentor programs under subsection [3] 2 of this section.

23 [5.] 4. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
24 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
25 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
26 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
27 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
28 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and
29 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
30 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
31 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
32 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
33 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
34 2018, shall be invalid and void.

2 [172.651. Whenever any bond or securities
3 which are held in the seminary fund shall
4 mature, the state treasurer, upon order of the
5 board of curators of the state university, shall
6 present the same for payment, and shall hold the
7 proceeds thereof as part of the seminary fund,
8 and such proceeds shall be immediately
9 reinvested as in sections 172.610 to 172.720
provided.]

2 [172.660. 1. The state treasurer shall be
3 the custodian of all original and renewal
4 certificates of indebtedness of the state to the
5 seminary fund and of all bonds and securities in
6 which the seminary fund shall be invested, and
7 also of all moneys belonging to said seminary
8 fund, and he and his sureties shall be
9 responsible on his official bond for the
10 performance of his duties in the safekeeping,
11 disbursement and investment of all money or
12 property of the seminary fund in accordance with
13 the provisions of sections 172.610 to 172.720.

14 2. The state treasurer shall keep an
15 accurate account of all certificates of
16 indebtedness, money, bonds and securities in the
17 seminary fund, the maturities thereof, the rates
18 of interest thereon, and the dates when said
19 interest is payable, and shall certify to the
board of curators quarter-yearly such accounts

20 and reports relating thereto as may be required
21 by said board.

22 3. The state treasurer shall include in
23 each of his reports to the general assembly a
24 full account of all receipts and expenditures on
25 account of the seminary fund and the income
26 therefrom and a report of all information in his
27 possession which relates to such fund and
28 property dedicated to the use of the university.]

[172.661. 1. The board of curators shall
2 keep a regular account with the state treasurer
3 and all other persons in relation to the
4 seminary fund.

5 2. The board of curators of the state
6 university shall require all persons who shall
7 have received any money belonging to said fund
8 or income to settle their accounts, and, in that
9 name, may sue for and recover all moneys due
10 from any person on account of such fund or
11 income.]

[172.680. The state treasurer, whenever
2 any bonds or securities shall have been
3 purchased by the board of curators for the
4 seminary fund and payment therefor and delivery
5 thereof have been made, shall plainly stamp on
6 the face of each of said bonds or securities
7 these words: "This bond is the property of the
8 seminary fund", and shall sign such statement,
9 and thereafter no bond or securities so stamped
10 shall be negotiable, but it or they shall only
11 be payable to the state treasurer as trustee of
12 the seminary fund. The interest on all such
13 bonds or securities, when due, shall be
14 collected by the state treasurer and credited to
15 the "State Seminary Moneys Fund", which is
16 hereby created, and the payment of such interest
17 certified by him to the board of curators.]

[172.720. The income received from the
2 seminary fund shall be paid for the maintenance
3 of the state university, its College of
4 Agriculture and University of Missouri-Rolla,
5 upon requisition by the board of curators upon
6 the commissioner of administration and shall be
7 applied as in sections 172.610 to 172.720.]