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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, 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173.1352, 174.160, 174.231, 191.600, 191.603, 191.605, 191.607, 191.611, 191.614, 191.615, and 620.3250, RSMo, are repealed and twenty new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 41.890, 160.701, 172.280, 172.345, 172.640, 172.650, 173.1153, 173.1352, 173.2655, 173.2660, 174.160, 174.231, 191.600, 191.603, 191.605, 191.607, 191.611, 191.614, 191.615, and 620.3250, to read as follows:

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

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

(1) "Active duty", any person who is on full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and 1211;

(2) "Activities association", any nonprofit statewide organization that facilitates interscholastic activities for secondary school students, and whose members include at

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.

7 **least one public school district that pays any fees to such association, including, but not**
8 **limited to, activity participation fees, tournament registration fees, membership fees, or**
9 **any other fees relating to membership in such association or participation in any**
10 **activities facilitated by such association.**

11 **2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a statewide activities**
12 **association shall not require any student who is on active duty to attend a minimum**
13 **number of practices as a condition of such student's membership on any group or team**
14 **facilitated or overseen by such association.**

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

172.345. The eleventh day of November of each year shall be a public holiday for
2 **all employees of the University of Missouri system in observance of Veterans Day. When**
3 **the eleventh day of November falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Monday next following**
4 **shall be considered the public holiday.**

172.640. ~~[Whenever said board shall contract with the seller of any such bonds or~~
2 ~~securities, the board shall requisition and the commissioner of administration shall approve,~~
3 ~~and the state auditor shall forthwith issue, a warrant upon the state treasurer for the purchase~~
4 ~~price agreed upon, payable out of the seminary fund, in favor of such seller. All bonds or~~
5 ~~securities so purchased shall be made payable to, or be registered in the name of, the state~~
6 ~~treasurer as trustee of the seminary fund and shall be deposited as part of the seminary fund~~
7 ~~with the state treasurer who shall give his receipt therefor to said board of curators.]~~ 1. The
8 state university shall enter into an agreement with the state treasurer pursuant to
9 section 30.286 to establish a separate custodial account at a financial institution in which
10 the moneys in the seminary fund shall be deposited and held.

11 **2. The state university shall invest the moneys in the custodial account in**
12 **government bonds pursuant to section 172.630.**

13 **3. The earnings on such bonds in the custodial account may be withdrawn by the**
14 **state university, and any withdrawals shall be used by the state university for the**
15 **maintenance of the state university, its college of agriculture, and its campus in Rolla.**

16 **4. The state university shall provide a report from the financial institution as to**
17 **the receipts and expenditures from the custodial account to the state treasurer no less**
18 **often than annually.**

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

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

13 ~~[3. When the certificates of indebtedness of the state to the seminary fund shall~~
14 ~~mature, renewal certificates in form substantially similar to the maturing certificates and for~~
15 ~~like amounts, payable to the state treasurer as trustee of the seminary fund, with like~~
16 ~~maturities, and bearing the same rates of interest, payable in like manner, as provided in the~~
17 ~~maturing certificates, shall be executed, countersigned, and sealed in like manner as specified~~
18 ~~in section 172.611.~~

19 ~~4. Upon the execution of such renewal certificates, they shall be deposited with the~~
20 ~~state treasurer as part of the seminary fund and the matured certificates of indebtedness shall~~
21 ~~be forthwith cancelled by the state treasurer. Receipts for all original and renewal certificates~~
22 ~~of indebtedness deposited in the state treasury, and notices of all cancellations thereof, shall~~
23 ~~be given by the state treasurer to the board of curators of the state university.]~~

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

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

10 3. If any such individual is eligible to receive financial assistance under any other
11 federal or state student aid program, public or private, the full amount of such aid shall be

12 reported to the coordinating board for higher education by the institution and the individual.
13 The tuition limitation under this section shall be provided after all other federal and state aid
14 for which the individual is eligible has been applied, and no individual shall receive more
15 than the actual cost of attendance when the limitation is combined with other aid made
16 available to such individual.

17 4. The coordinating board for higher education shall promulgate rules to implement
18 this section.

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

21 6. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
22 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies
23 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.
24 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
25 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
26 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
27 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid
28 and void.

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

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

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

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

9 2. (1) Each institution shall adopt and implement a policy to grant undergraduate
10 course credit to entering freshman students for each advanced placement examination upon
11 which such student achieves a score of three or higher, **or each international baccalaureate**
12 **examination for an international baccalaureate diploma programme course upon which**
13 **such student achieves a score of four or higher**, for any similarly correlated course offered
14 by the institution at the time of such student's acceptance into the institution.

15 (2) In the policy, the institution shall:

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

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

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

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

26 (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
2 as the "Public Safety Recruitment and Retention Act".**

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

5 (1) "Advanced emergency medical technician", as such term is defined in section
6 190.100;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (10) "Police officer", any person who, by virtue of office or public employment,
30 is vested by law with the power and duty to make arrests for violation of the laws of the
31 state of Missouri or ordinances of any municipality thereof, while acting within the

32 scope of his or her authority as an employee of a public law enforcement agency, as such
33 term is defined in section 590.1040;

34 (11) "Public safety personnel", includes any police officer, firefighter,
35 paramedic, telecommunicator first responder, emergency medical technician, or
36 advanced emergency medical technician who is trained and authorized by law or rule
37 to render emergency medical assistance or treatment;

38 (12) "Telecommunicator first responder", as such term is defined in section
39 650.320;

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

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

48 (1) Possesses one of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

68 (a) For police officers, eligible subjects include forensic science, fisheries and
69 wildlife, political science, psychology, history, philosophy, sociology, anthropology,
70 global studies, Spanish, journalism, advertising, public relations, nutrition and health
71 sciences, communication sciences and disorders, and criminal justice;

72 (b) For firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and advanced
73 emergency medical technicians, eligible subjects include biology, chemistry,
74 biochemistry, microbiology, nutrition and health sciences, communication sciences
75 and disorders, Spanish, advertising, public relations, paramedicine, fire science, fire
76 technology, fire administration, fire management, communications, homeland security,
77 emergency management, disaster management, and crisis management; and

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

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

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

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

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

94 4. Public safety personnel may receive the tuition award pursuant to subsection
95 3 of this section for up to five years if they otherwise continue to be eligible for the
96 tuition award. The five years of tuition award eligibility starts once the individual
97 applies for and receives the tuition award for the first time and is available to such
98 individual for the next five consecutive years or the individual's achievement of one
99 hundred twenty credit hours, whichever occurs first.

100 5. Subject to appropriation, a legal dependent of public safety personnel with at
101 least ten years of service shall be entitled to a tuition award worth up to one hundred
102 percent of the resident tuition charges of an institution of higher education for an
103 associate or baccalaureate degree program if such public safety personnel satisfies the

104 provisions of subdivisions (1), (5), and (6) of subsection 3 of this section and the legal
105 dependent:

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

108 (2) Has not previously earned a baccalaureate degree;

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

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

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

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

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

124 6. A legal dependent may receive the tuition award for up to five years if the
125 public safety personnel and the legal dependent continue to be eligible for such tuition
126 award. The five years of tuition award eligibility starts once the legal dependent applies
127 for and receives the tuition award for the first time and is available to such legal
128 dependent for the next five consecutive years or the legal dependent's achievement of
129 one hundred twenty credit hours, whichever occurs first.

130 7. The tuition award shall be worth:

131 (1) Up to one hundred percent of the public safety personnel's or the legal
132 dependent's tuition remaining due after subtracting awarded federal financial aid
133 grants and state scholarships and grants for the eligible public safety personnel or legal
134 dependent during the time the public safety personnel or legal dependent is enrolled. To
135 remain eligible, the public safety personnel or legal dependent shall comply with all
136 requirements of the institution for continued attendance and award of an associate
137 degree or a baccalaureate degree; or

138 (2) In the case of tuition at an approved private institution, up to one hundred
139 percent of the public safety personnel's or the legal dependent's tuition remaining due
140 after subtracting awarded federal financial aid grants and state scholarships and grants

for the eligible public safety personnel or legal dependent during the time the public safety personnel or legal dependent is enrolled, up to a maximum amount that is equal to the total cost of tuition and mandatory fees charged to a Missouri resident at the public community college, state college, or state university with the highest combined tuition and mandatory fee cost in the state at the time a tuition grant is awarded, as determined by the department. A private institution that chooses to accept as a tuition payment any tuition award money pursuant to this subdivision shall not charge the recipient of the tuition award any tuition that exceeds the 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 eligibility or ineligibility for the tuition award and state whether the application has been approved or denied. If the applicant is determined not to be eligible for the tuition award, the notice shall include the reason or reasons for such determination. If the application is denied, the notice shall include the reason or reasons for the denial.

11. The department shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section and section 173.2660. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is 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, 2025, shall be invalid and void.

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

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 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,

215 as determined by the most recent uniform crime reporting statistics from the Federal
216 Bureau of Investigation; and

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

218 14. The tuition awards provided for in this section and section 173.2660 are
219 subject to appropriation. If there are no moneys in the fund established in subsection 12
220 of this section, no tuition awards shall be granted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 2. The five-year residency requirement begins once the legal dependent applies
26 for and receives the tuition award for the first time and continues until the tuition award
27 recipient's:

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

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

30 (3) Completion of an associate degree at a public community college and
31 notification to the department that such recipient does not intend to pursue a

32 **baccalaureate degree or additional associate degree using tuition awards pursuant to the**
33 **public safety recruitment and retention act; or**

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

174.160. 1. The board of regents of each state college and each state teachers college
2 shall have power and authority to confer upon students, by diploma under the common seal,
3 such degrees as are usually granted by such colleges, and additional degrees only when
4 authorized by the coordinating board for higher education in circumstances in which offering
5 such degree would not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program, collaboration is not
6 feasible or a viable means of meeting the needs of students and employers, and the institution
7 has the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in a high-quality manner. In the
8 case of nonresearch doctoral degrees in allied health professions, an institution may be
9 authorized to offer such degree independently if offering it in collaboration with another
10 institution would not increase the quality of the program or allow it to be delivered more
11 efficiently. Such boards shall have the power and authority to confer degrees in engineering
12 only in collaboration with the University of Missouri, provided that such collaborative
13 agreements are approved by the governing board of each institution and that in these instances
14 the University of Missouri will be the degree-granting institution. Should the University of
15 Missouri decline to collaborate in the offering of such programs, one of these institutions may
16 seek approval of the program through the coordinating board for higher education's
17 comprehensive review process when doing so would not unnecessarily duplicate an existing
18 program, collaboration is not feasible or a viable means of meeting the needs of students and
19 employers, and the institution has the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in
20 a high-quality manner.

21 **2. Notwithstanding sections 172.280 and 174.225, the board of governors of**
22 **Missouri State University shall have the power and authority to grant doctor of**
23 **philosophy degrees in disciplines other than engineering and to grant bachelor of**
24 **science degrees in veterinary technology.**

174.231. 1. On and after August 28, 2005, the institution formerly known as
2 Missouri Southern State College located in Joplin, Jasper County, shall be known as
3 "Missouri Southern State University". Missouri Southern State University is hereby
4 designated and shall hereafter be operated as a statewide institution of international or global
5 education, **health and life sciences, and immersive learning experiences.** The Missouri
6 Southern State University is hereby designated a moderately selective institution which shall
7 provide associate degree programs except as provided in subsection 2 of this section,
8 baccalaureate degree programs, and graduate degree programs pursuant to subdivisions (1)
9 and (3) of subsection 2 of section 173.005. The institution shall develop such academic

10 support programs and public service activities it deems necessary and appropriate to establish
11 international or global education as a distinctive theme of its mission.

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

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

12 2. The ~~["Health Professional Student Loan and]~~ **"Missouri State** Loan Repayment
13 Program Fund" is hereby created in the state treasury. All funds recovered from an individual
14 pursuant to section 191.614 and all funds generated by loan repayments and penalties
15 received pursuant to section 191.540 shall be credited to the fund. The moneys in the fund
16 shall be used by the department of health and senior services to provide loan repayments
17 pursuant to section 191.611 in accordance with sections 191.600 to 191.614.

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

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

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

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

9 (4) ~~"General dentist", dentists licensed and registered pursuant to chapter 332~~
10 ~~engaged in general dentistry and who are providing such services to the general population;~~

11 (5) ~~"Primary care physician", physicians licensed and registered pursuant to chapter~~
12 ~~334 engaged in general or family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics or obstetrics and~~
13 ~~gynecology as their primary specialties, and who are providing such primary care services to~~
14 ~~the general population;~~

15 ~~(6) "Psychiatrist", the same meaning as in section 632.005].~~

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

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

191.607. The department shall adopt and promulgate regulations establishing
2 standards for determining eligible persons for loan repayment pursuant to sections 191.600 to
3 191.615. These standards shall include, but are not limited to the following:

4 (1) Citizenship or permanent residency in the United States;

5 (2) Residence in the state of Missouri;

6 ~~(3) [Enrollment as a full-time medical student in the final year of a course of study~~
7 ~~offered by an approved educational institution or licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy~~
8 ~~pursuant to chapter 334, including psychiatrists;~~

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

12 ~~(5) Enrollment as a full-time chiropractic student in the final year of course study~~
13 ~~offered by an approved educational institution or licensed to practice chiropractic medicine~~
14 ~~pursuant to chapter 334]~~ **Authorization to practice as any type of health professional**
15 **designated in section 191.600;**

16 ~~[(6)]~~ **(4) Practice in an area of defined need; and**

17 **(5) Submission of an application for loan repayment.**

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

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

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

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

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

8 2-] If an individual breaches the written contract of the individual by failing either to
9 begin such individual's service obligation or to complete such service obligation, the state
10 shall be entitled to recover from the individual an amount equal to the sum of:

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

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

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

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

19 ~~[3-]~~ **2.** The department may act on behalf of a qualified community to recover from an
20 individual described in ~~[subsections 1 and 2 of]~~ this section the portion of a loan repayment
21 paid by such community for such individual.

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

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

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

4 ~~2-]~~ **may**, after receiving a loan from an eligible lending institution, as that term is
5 defined in subdivision (10) of section 30.750, ~~[the owner of a veteran-owned small business~~
6 ~~shall]~~ complete a boots-to-business program that is approved by the department.

7 ~~[3-]~~ **2.** After receiving a loan from an eligible lending institution, as that term is
8 defined in subdivision (10) of section 30.750, the owner of a veteran-owned small business
9 **participating in the boots-to-business program** will be assigned a mentor for the three
10 hundred sixty-five days following the date of approval. The **boots-to-business program**
11 **shall give the participating** owner ~~[shall]~~ **the opportunity to** meet with his or her mentor at
12 least once every ninety days.

13 ~~[4-]~~ **3.** The department may adopt rules in establishing or approving boots-to-business
14 programs under subsection ~~[2]~~ **1** of this section and mentor programs under subsection ~~[3]~~ **2**
15 of this section.

16 ~~[5-]~~ **4.** Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
17 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies
18 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.
19 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the
20 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
21 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
22 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2018, shall be invalid
23 and void.

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

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

7 ~~seminary fund in accordance with the provisions of sections 172.610 to~~
8 ~~172.720.~~

9 ~~2. The state treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all certificates~~
10 ~~of indebtedness, money, bonds and securities in the seminary fund, the~~
11 ~~maturities thereof, the rates of interest thereon, and the dates when said interest~~
12 ~~is payable, and shall certify to the board of curators quarter yearly such~~
13 ~~accounts and reports relating thereto as may be required by said board.~~

14 ~~3. The state treasurer shall include in each of his reports to the general~~
15 ~~assembly a full account of all receipts and expenditures on account of the~~
16 ~~seminary fund and the income therefrom and a report of all information in his~~
17 ~~possession which relates to such fund and property dedicated to the use of the~~
18 ~~university.]~~

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

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

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

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

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