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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 606**  
**103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To repeal sections 23.295, 160.575, 166.435, 170.012, 172.280, 172.610, 172.640, 172.650, 172.651, 172.660, 172.661, 172.680, 172.720, 173.005, 173.095, 173.100, 173.105, 173.110, 173.115, 173.125, 173.130, 173.141, 173.150, 173.160, 173.170, 173.180, 173.186, 173.187, 173.236, 173.262, 173.264, 173.265, 173.475, 173.775, 173.778, 173.781, 173.784, 173.787, 173.790, 173.793, 173.796, 173.1352, 174.160, 178.550, 178.585, 186.019, 288.040, 620.010, 620.484, 620.490, 620.511, 620.512, 620.513, 620.515, 620.552, 620.554, 620.556, 620.558, 620.560, 620.562, 620.564, 620.566, 620.568, 620.570, 620.572, and 620.574, RSMo, and section 167.910 as enacted by house bill no. 1606, ninety-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and section 167.910 as enacted by house bill no. 1415, ninety-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-two new sections relating to higher education.

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

Section A. Sections 23.295, 160.575, 166.435, 170.012, 172.280, 172.610, 172.640,  
2 172.650, 172.651, 172.660, 172.661, 172.680, 172.720, 173.005, 173.095, 173.100, 173.105,  
3 173.110, 173.115, 173.125, 173.130, 173.141, 173.150, 173.160, 173.170, 173.180, 173.186,  
4 173.187, 173.236, 173.262, 173.264, 173.265, 173.475, 173.775, 173.778, 173.781, 173.784,  
5 173.787, 173.790, 173.793, 173.796, 173.1352, 174.160, 178.550, 178.585, 186.019,  
6 288.040, 620.010, 620.484, 620.490, 620.511, 620.512, 620.513, 620.515, 620.552,  
7 620.554, 620.556, 620.558, 620.560, 620.562, 620.564, 620.566, 620.568, 620.570,  
8 620.572, and 620.574, RSMo, and section 167.910 as enacted by house bill no. 1606,  
9 ninety-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and section 167.910 as enacted by

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.

10 house bill no. 1415, ninety-ninth general assembly, second regular session, are repealed and  
11 twenty-two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 23.295, 160.575,  
12 166.435, 172.280, 172.610, 172.640, 172.650, 173.005, 173.836, 173.1352, 173.2565,  
13 173.2566, 173.2570, 173.2571, 173.2572, 174.160, 178.550, 178.585, 186.019, 288.040,  
14 620.010, and 620.515, to read as follows:

23.295. If an employee is displaced because a program is sunset, reorganized, or  
2 continued, the state agency and the ~~[division]~~ **office** of workforce development in the  
3 department of ~~[economy]~~ **higher education and workforce** development shall make a  
4 reasonable effort to relocate the displaced employee.

160.575. 1. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a  
2 "ready to work" endorsement program that enables high schools to endorse a certificate for  
3 students who meet certain standards that demonstrate that such students are deemed ready to  
4 work. The program shall be available no later than June 30, 2007.

5 2. The program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 6 (1) Voluntary participation by high school seniors who choose to participate;
- 7 (2) Academic components;
- 8 (3) Work readiness components;
- 9 (4) Assessment tools and techniques for a third-party, independent, and objective  
10 assessment and endorsement of individual student achievement through an existing workforce  
11 investment service delivery system; and

12 (5) An easily identifiable guarantee to potential employers that the entry-level  
13 employee is ready to work.

14 3. In developing such standards, the department shall involve representatives of the  
15 ~~[division]~~ **office** of workforce development, employers, students, career center providers,  
16 local workforce investment boards, and school district personnel.

166.435. 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the assets of the program held  
2 by the board, the assets of any deposit program authorized in section 166.500, and the assets  
3 of any qualified tuition program established pursuant to Section 529 of the Internal Revenue  
4 Code and any income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation by the state or any of its  
5 political subdivisions. Income earned or received from the program, deposit, or other  
6 qualified tuition programs established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, or  
7 refunds of qualified education expenses received by a beneficiary from an eligible  
8 educational institution in connection with withdrawal from enrollment at such institution  
9 which are contributed within sixty days of withdrawal to a qualified tuition program of which  
10 such individual is a beneficiary shall not be subject to state income tax imposed pursuant to  
11 chapter 143 and shall be eligible for any benefits provided in accordance with Section 529 of  
12 the Internal Revenue Code. The exemption from taxation pursuant to this section shall apply

13 only to assets and income maintained, accrued, or expended pursuant to the requirements of  
14 the program established pursuant to sections 166.400 to 166.455, the deposit program  
15 established pursuant to sections 166.500 to 166.529, and other qualified tuition programs  
16 established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, and no exemption shall apply to  
17 assets and income expended for any other purposes. Annual contributions made **only** to the  
18 ~~[program held by the board, the]~~ deposit program~~[-, and any qualified tuition]~~ **or the Missouri**  
19 **education** program established under ~~[Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code]~~ **sections**  
20 **166.400 to 166.455, or both,** up to and including eight thousand dollars per taxpayer, and up  
21 to sixteen thousand dollars for married individuals filing a joint tax return, shall be subtracted  
22 in determining Missouri adjusted gross income pursuant to section 143.121.

23         2. If any deductible contributions to or earnings from any such program referred to in  
24 this section are distributed and not used to pay qualified education expenses, not transferred  
25 as allowed by 26 U.S.C. Section 529(c)(3)(C)(i), as amended, and any Internal Revenue  
26 Service regulations or guidance issued in relation thereto, or are not held for the minimum  
27 length of time established by the appropriate Missouri board, then the amount so distributed  
28 shall be included in the Missouri adjusted gross income of the participant, or, if the participant  
29 is not living, the beneficiary.

30         3. The provisions of this section shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January  
31 1, 2008, and the provisions of this section with regard to sections 166.500 to 166.529 shall  
32 apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2004.

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.**

172.610. There is hereby created and established a permanent fund for the support of  
2 the state university, with its several divisions, to be denominated "The Seminary Fund",  
3 which shall consist of all certificates of indebtedness of the state of Missouri, issued under  
4 sections 172.610 to ~~[172.720]~~ **172.650**, and the proceeds thereof; the net proceeds of all sales  
5 of lands granted to the state for the benefit of the state university with its several divisions, as  
6 provided by law; and all gifts, grants, bequests, or devises to said seminary fund or the state  
7 for the benefit of the university, and not otherwise appropriated by the terms of any such gift,  
8 grant, bequest or devise, which fund shall be paid into the state treasury, and be securely  
9 invested by the board of curators of the state university and sacredly preserved as a seminary

10 fund, the annual income of which shall be faithfully appropriated for the maintenance of the  
11 state university, and for no other uses or purposes whatsoever, said income to be applied as  
12 directed by the board of curators of the state university, unless otherwise directed by the terms  
13 of the act of Congress or of the general assembly relating thereto, or by the terms of the  
14 certificate, instrument of gift, grant, bequest or devise by which any such certificate, property,  
15 securities, or money were received.

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 establish a separate custodial account at a financial institution in**  
9 **which the amounts in the seminary fund shall be deposited and held. The state**  
10 **university shall invest the amounts in the custodial account in government bonds under**  
11 **section 172.630. The earnings on such bonds in the custodial account may be withdrawn**  
12 **by the university and any withdrawals shall be used by the university for the**  
13 **maintenance of the state university, its College of Agriculture, and the University of**  
14 **Missouri-Rolla campus.**

15 **2. The state university shall provide a report from the financial institution as to**  
16 **the receipts and expenditures from the custodial account to the state treasurer no less**  
17 **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 s tate 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. —]~~

173.005. 1. There is hereby created a "Department of Higher Education and  
2 Workforce Development", and the division of higher education of the department of  
3 education is abolished and all its powers, duties, functions, personnel and property are  
4 transferred as provided by the Reorganization Act of 1974, Appendix B, RSMo.

5 2. The commission on higher education is abolished and all its powers, duties,  
6 personnel and property are transferred by type I transfer to the "Coordinating Board for  
7 Higher Education", which is hereby created, and the coordinating board shall be the head of  
8 the department. The coordinating board shall consist of nine members appointed by the  
9 governor with the advice and consent of the senate, and not more than five of its members  
10 shall be of the same political party. None of the members shall be engaged professionally as  
11 an educator or educational administrator with a public or private institution of higher  
12 education at the time appointed or during his term. Moreover, no person shall be appointed to  
13 the coordinating board who shall not be a citizen of the United States, and who shall not have  
14 been a resident of the state of Missouri two years next prior to appointment, and at least one  
15 but not more than two persons shall be appointed to said board from each congressional  
16 district. The term of service of a member of the coordinating board shall be six years and said  
17 members, while attending the meetings of the board, shall be reimbursed for their actual  
18 expenses. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, nothing in this section  
19 relating to a change in the composition and configuration of congressional districts in this  
20 state shall prohibit a member who is serving a term on August 28, 2011, from completing his  
21 or her term. The coordinating board may, in order to carry out the duties prescribed for it in  
22 subsections 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8 of this section, employ such professional, clerical and research  
23 personnel as may be necessary to assist it in performing those duties, but this staff shall not, in  
24 any fiscal year, exceed twenty-five full-time equivalent employees regardless of the source of  
25 funding. In addition to all other powers, duties and functions transferred to it, the  
26 coordinating board for higher education shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

27 (1) The coordinating board for higher education may approve, not approve, or  
28 provisionally approve proposed new degree programs to be offered by the state institutions of

29 higher education. The coordinating board may authorize a degree program outside an  
30 institution's coordinating board-approved mission only when the coordinating board has  
31 received clear evidence that the institution proposing to offer the program:

32 (a) Made a good-faith effort to explore the feasibility of offering the program in  
33 collaboration with an institution the mission of which includes offering the program;

34 (b) Is contributing substantially to the goals in the coordinating board's coordinated  
35 plan for higher education;

36 (c) Has the existing capacity to ensure the program is delivered in a high-quality  
37 manner;

38 (d) Has demonstrated that the proposed program is needed;

39 (e) Has a clear plan to meet the articulated workforce need; and

40 (f) Such other factors deemed relevant by the coordinating board;

41 (2) The governing board of each public institution of higher education in the state  
42 shall have the power and authority to confer degrees in chiropractic, osteopathic medicine,  
43 and podiatry only in collaboration with the University of Missouri, provided that such  
44 collaborative agreements are approved by the governing board of each institution and that in  
45 these instances the University of Missouri will be the degree-granting institution. Should the  
46 University of Missouri decline to collaborate in the offering of such programs, any of these  
47 institutions may seek approval of the program through the coordinating board for higher  
48 education's comprehensive review process when doing so would not unnecessarily duplicate  
49 an existing program, collaboration is not feasible or a viable means of meeting the needs of  
50 students and employers, and the institution has the academic and financial capacity to offer  
51 the program in a high quality manner;

52 (3) The coordinating board for higher education may promote and encourage the  
53 development of cooperative agreements between Missouri public four-year institutions of  
54 higher education which do not offer graduate degrees and Missouri public four-year  
55 institutions of higher education which do offer graduate degrees for the purpose of offering  
56 graduate degree programs on campuses of those public four-year institutions of higher  
57 education which do not otherwise offer graduate degrees. Such agreements shall identify the  
58 obligations and duties of the parties, including assignment of administrative responsibility.  
59 Any diploma awarded for graduate degrees under such a cooperative agreement shall include  
60 the names of both institutions inscribed thereon. Any cooperative agreement in place as of  
61 August 28, 2003, shall require no further approval from the coordinating board for higher  
62 education. Any costs incurred with respect to the administrative provisions of this  
63 subdivision may be paid from state funds allocated to the institution assigned the  
64 administrative authority for the program. The provisions of this subdivision shall not be  
65 construed to invalidate the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection;

66 (4) In consultation with the heads of the institutions of higher education affected and  
67 against a background of carefully collected data on enrollment, physical facilities, manpower  
68 needs, and institutional missions, the coordinating board for higher education shall establish  
69 guidelines for appropriation requests by those institutions of higher education; however, other  
70 provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1974 notwithstanding, all funds shall be appropriated  
71 by the general assembly to the governing board of each public four-year institution of higher  
72 education which shall prepare expenditure budgets for the institution;

73 (5) No new ~~[state-supported senior]~~ **public** colleges or ~~[residence centers]~~  
74 **universities** shall be established except as provided by law and with approval of the  
75 coordinating board for higher education;

76 (6) The coordinating board for higher education shall establish admission guidelines  
77 consistent with institutional missions;

78 (7) The coordinating board for higher education shall require all public two-year and  
79 four-year higher education institutions to replicate best practices in remediation identified by  
80 the coordinating board and institutions from research undertaken by regional educational  
81 laboratories, higher education research organizations, and similar organizations with expertise  
82 in the subject, and identify and reduce methods that have been found to be ineffective in  
83 preparing or retaining students or that delay students from enrollment in college-level  
84 courses;

85 (8) The coordinating board shall establish policies and procedures for institutional  
86 decisions relating to the residence status of students;

87 (9) The coordinating board shall establish guidelines to promote and facilitate the  
88 transfer of students between institutions of higher education within the state and, with the  
89 assistance of the committee on transfer and articulation, shall require all public two-year and  
90 four-year higher education institutions to create by July 1, 2014, a statewide core transfer  
91 library of at least twenty-five lower division courses across all institutions that are  
92 transferable among all public higher education institutions. The coordinating board shall  
93 establish policies and procedures to ensure such courses are accepted in transfer among public  
94 institutions and treated as equivalent to similar courses at the receiving institutions. The  
95 coordinating board shall develop a policy to foster reverse transfer for any student who has  
96 accumulated enough hours in combination with at least one public higher education  
97 institution in Missouri that offers an associate degree and one public four-year higher  
98 education institution in the prescribed courses sufficient to meet the public higher education  
99 institution's requirements to be awarded an associate degree. The department of elementary  
100 and secondary education shall maintain the alignment of the assessments found in section  
101 160.518 and successor assessments with the competencies previously established under this

102 subdivision for entry-level collegiate courses in English, mathematics, foreign language,  
103 sciences, and social sciences associated with an institution's general education core;

104 (10) The coordinating board shall collect the necessary information and develop  
105 comparable data for all institutions of higher education in the state. The coordinating board  
106 shall use this information to delineate the areas of competence of each of these institutions  
107 and for any other purposes deemed appropriate by the coordinating board;

108 (11) Compliance with requests from the coordinating board for institutional  
109 information and the other powers, duties and responsibilities, herein assigned to the  
110 coordinating board, shall be a prerequisite to the receipt of any funds which the coordinating  
111 board is responsible for administering;

112 (12) If any institution of higher education in this state, public or private, willfully fails  
113 or refuses to follow any lawful guideline, policy or procedure established or prescribed by the  
114 coordinating board, or knowingly deviates from any such guideline, or knowingly acts  
115 without coordinating board approval where such approval is required, or willfully fails to  
116 comply with any other lawful order of the coordinating board, the coordinating board may,  
117 after a public hearing, withhold or direct to be withheld from that institution any funds the  
118 disbursement of which is subject to the control of the coordinating board, or may remove the  
119 approval of the institution as an approved institution within the meaning of section 173.1102.  
120 If any such public institution willfully disregards board policy, the commissioner of higher  
121 education may order such institution to remit a fine in an amount not to exceed one percent of  
122 the institution's current fiscal year state operating appropriation to the board. The board shall  
123 hold such funds until such time that the institution, as determined by the commissioner of  
124 higher education, corrects the violation, at which time the board shall refund such amount to  
125 the institution. If the commissioner determines that the institution has not redressed the  
126 violation within one year, the fine amount shall be deposited into the general revenue fund,  
127 unless the institution appeals such decision to the full coordinating board, which shall have  
128 the authority to make a binding and final decision, by means of a majority vote, regarding the  
129 matter. However, nothing in this section shall prevent any institution of higher education in  
130 this state from presenting additional budget requests or from explaining or further clarifying  
131 its budget requests to the governor or the general assembly;

132 (13) In recognition of institutions that meet the requirements of subdivision (2), (3),  
133 or (4) of subsection 1 of section 173.616, are established by name as an educational institution  
134 in Missouri, and are authorized to operate programs beyond secondary education for purposes  
135 of authorization under 34 CFR 600.9, the coordinating board for higher education shall  
136 maintain and publish on its website a list of such postsecondary educational institutions; and

137 (14) (a) As used in this subdivision, the term "out-of-state public institution of higher  
138 education" shall mean an education institution located outside of Missouri that:



- 139           a. Is controlled or administered directly by a public agency or political subdivision or  
140 is classified as a public institution by the state;
- 141           b. Receives appropriations for operating expenses directly or indirectly from a state  
142 other than Missouri;
- 143           c. Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at least six months in length leading  
144 to or directly creditable toward a degree or certificate;
- 145           d. Meets the standards for accreditation by an accrediting body recognized by the  
146 United States Department of Education or any successor agency; and
- 147           e. Permits faculty members to select textbooks without influence or pressure by any  
148 religious or sectarian source.
- 149       (b) No later than July 1, 2008, the coordinating board shall promulgate rules  
150 regarding:
- 151           a. The board's approval process of proposed new degree programs and course  
152 offerings by any out-of-state public institution of higher education seeking to offer degree  
153 programs or course work within the state of Missouri; and
- 154           b. The board's approval process of degree programs and courses offered by any out-  
155 of-state public institutions of higher education that, prior to July 1, 2008, were approved by  
156 the board to operate a school in compliance with the provisions of sections 173.600 to  
157 173.618. The rules shall ensure that, as of July 1, 2008, all out-of-state public institutions  
158 seeking to offer degrees and courses within the state of Missouri are evaluated in a manner  
159 similar to Missouri public higher education institutions. Such out-of-state public institutions  
160 shall be held to standards no lower than the standards established by the coordinating board  
161 for program approval and the policy guidelines of the coordinating board for data collection,  
162 cooperation, and resolution of disputes between Missouri institutions of higher education  
163 under this section. Any such out-of-state public institutions of higher education wishing to  
164 continue operating within this state must be approved by the board under the rules  
165 promulgated under this subdivision. The coordinating board may charge and collect fees  
166 from out-of-state public institutions to cover the costs of reviewing and assuring the quality of  
167 programs offered by out-of-state public institutions. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term  
168 is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall  
169 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536  
170 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any  
171 of the powers vested with the general assembly under chapter 536 to review, to delay the  
172 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then  
173 the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007,  
174 shall be invalid and void.

175 (c) Nothing in this subdivision or in section 173.616 shall be construed or interpreted  
176 so that students attending an out-of-state public institution are considered to be attending a  
177 Missouri public institution of higher education for purposes of obtaining student financial  
178 assistance.

179 3. The coordinating board shall meet at least four times annually with an advisory  
180 committee who shall be notified in advance of such meetings. The coordinating board shall  
181 have exclusive voting privileges. The advisory committee shall consist of thirty-two  
182 members, who shall be the president or other chief administrative officer of the University of  
183 Missouri; the chancellor of each campus of the University of Missouri; the president of each  
184 state-supported four-year college or university, including Harris-Stowe State University,  
185 Missouri Southern State University, Missouri Western State University, and Lincoln  
186 University; the president of State Technical College of Missouri; the president or  
187 chancellor of each public community college district; and representatives of each of five  
188 accredited private institutions selected biennially, under the supervision of the coordinating  
189 board, by the presidents of all of the state's privately supported institutions; but always to  
190 include at least one representative from one privately supported community college, one  
191 privately supported four-year college, and one privately supported university. The  
192 conferences shall enable the committee to advise the coordinating board of the views of  
193 the institutions on matters within the purview of the coordinating board.

194 4. The University of Missouri, Lincoln University, and all other state-governed  
195 colleges and universities, chapters 172, 174, 175, and others, are transferred by type III  
196 transfers to the department of higher education and workforce development subject to the  
197 provisions of subsection 2 of this section.

198 5. The state historical society, chapter 183, is transferred by type III transfer to the  
199 University of Missouri.

200 6. The state anatomical board, chapter 194, is transferred by type II transfer to the  
201 department of higher education and workforce development.

202 7. All the powers, duties and functions vested in the division of public schools and  
203 state board of education relating to community college state aid and the supervision,  
204 formation of districts and all matters otherwise related to the state's relations with community  
205 college districts and matters pertaining to community colleges in public school districts,  
206 chapters 163, 178, and others, are transferred to the coordinating board for higher education  
207 by type I transfer. Provided, however, that all responsibility for administering the federal-  
208 state programs of vocational-technical education, except for the 1202a postsecondary  
209 educational amendments of 1972 program, shall remain with the department of elementary  
210 and secondary education. The department of elementary and secondary education and the  
211 coordinating board for higher education shall cooperate in developing the various plans for

212 vocational-technical education; however, the ultimate responsibility will remain with the state  
213 board of education.

214 8. All the powers, duties, functions, and properties of the state poultry experiment  
215 station, chapter 262, are transferred by type I transfer to the University of Missouri, and the  
216 state poultry association and state poultry board are abolished. In the event the University of  
217 Missouri shall cease to use the real estate of the poultry experiment station for the purposes of  
218 research or shall declare the same surplus, all real estate shall revert to the governor of the  
219 state of Missouri and shall not be disposed of without legislative approval.

**173.836. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Career-Tech  
2 Certificate (CTC) Program".**

**3 2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

**4 (1) "Approved institution", an institution of postsecondary education that is  
5 subject to the coordinating board for higher education under section 173.005, offers  
6 eligible programs of study or training programs, and is at least one of the following:**

**7 (a) A public community college or vocational or technical school as provided  
8 under subsection 8 of section 160.545;**

**9 (b) A two-year private vocational or technical school authorized to obtain  
10 reimbursements under subsection 8 of section 160.545 as provided under subsection 10  
11 of section 160.545;**

**12 (c) An approved virtual institution, as defined in section 173.1102; or**

**13 (d) An eligible training provider;**

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

**16 (3) "Eligible program of study", a program of instruction for which the required  
17 length for completion of such program does not exceed the equivalent of sixty credit  
18 hours or the equivalent under a different measure of student progress and that results in  
19 the award of a non-graduate-level certificate or other industry-recognized credential  
20 below the graduate level that has been designated by the coordinating board for higher  
21 education as preparing students to enter an area of occupational shortage as determined  
22 and updated annually by such board under subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of section  
23 173.2553;**

**24 (4) "Eligible student", any student that meets the eligibility requirements for  
25 reimbursement of tuition, books, and fees under the "A+ Schools Program" created in  
26 section 160.545, provided that such student has not received a reimbursement for  
27 tuition, books, or fees under section 160.545;**

**28 (5) "Eligible training provider", a training organization listed in the state of  
29 Missouri eligible training provider system maintained by the office of workforce**

30 development in the department of higher education and workforce development that is  
31 not a four-year institution of higher education;

32 (6) "Training program", a program of study that leads to a certificate or degree  
33 and is offered by an approved institution but that does not meet the length-of-program  
34 requirements for an eligible program under 34 CFR 668.8, as amended. The term  
35 includes, but is not limited to:

- 36 (a) Certified nurse assistant (CNA) programs;
- 37 (b) Certified medication technician (CMT) programs;
- 38 (c) Level 1 medication aide (L1MA) programs;
- 39 (d) Insulin administration programs;
- 40 (e) Emergency medical technician (EMT) programs;
- 41 (f) Advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT) programs;
- 42 (g) Paramedic programs as described in chapter 190; or
- 43 (h) Commercial driver's license (CDL) programs.

44 3. (1) Beginning in the 2026-27 academic year and for all subsequent academic  
45 years, the department shall, by rule, establish a procedure for the reimbursement of the  
46 costs of tuition, books, and fees from the career-tech certificate (CTC) program fund to  
47 the approved institution at which an eligible student is enrolled in an eligible program of  
48 study or a training program.

49 (2) No tuition reimbursements in excess of the tuition rate charged by a public  
50 community college for coursework offered by a two-year private vocational or technical  
51 school, approved virtual institution as defined under section 173.1102, or eligible  
52 training provider within the service area of such college shall be reimbursed under this  
53 section.

54 (3) (a) If a public community college or vocational or technical school offers the  
55 same or a substantially similar eligible program of study or training program as a  
56 private vocational or technical school, virtual institution, or eligible training provider at  
57 which an eligible student intends to enroll and the school or provider is located in the  
58 service region of the public community college or vocational or technical school that  
59 offers the same or similar program of study or training program, no tuition  
60 reimbursement shall be provided under this section for such eligible student unless,  
61 before the eligible student enrolls:

62 a. The private vocational or technical school, virtual institution, or eligible  
63 training provider requests authorization from the department for such tuition  
64 reimbursement; and

65 b. The department authorizes such request.

66 (b) The department shall:

67           a. Develop and adopt a tuition reimbursement authorization request form and a  
68 procedure for submitting such request;

69           b. Review and either authorize or deny such request within twenty business days  
70 of receiving an accurate, complete, and properly submitted request; and

71           c. If the department denies such request, provide the educational entity and the  
72 eligible student with the reasons for such denial.

73           (c) The department shall not deny a tuition reimbursement authorization  
74 request without good cause, as determined by the department on a case-by-case basis.

75           (4) The reimbursements provided under this section to a two-year private  
76 vocational or technical school, approved virtual institution as defined under section  
77 173.1102, or eligible training provider shall not violate the provisions of Article IX,  
78 Section 8, or Article I, Section 7, of the Constitution of Missouri or the First Amendment  
79 to the Constitution of the United States.

80           4. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Career-Tech Certificate  
81 (CTC) Program Fund", which shall consist of any moneys appropriated annually by the  
82 general assembly, gifts, bequests, grants, public or private donations, or transfers. The  
83 state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and  
84 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated  
85 fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in this fund shall be used solely for  
86 reimbursements as provided in this section.

87           (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys  
88 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the  
89 general revenue fund.

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

93           5. No rule promulgated by the department under this section shall prohibit  
94 students enrolled in an eligible program of study or a training program from qualifying  
95 for tuition reimbursement under this section solely because the eligible program of  
96 study or training program does not meet the length-of-program requirements for an  
97 eligible program under 34 CFR 668.8, as amended, or because the eligible training  
98 provider at which a student enrolls does not participate in federal student aid programs.

99           6. Eligibility for tuition, books, and fees reimbursement to an approved  
100 institution as provided under this section shall expire upon the earliest of:

101           (1) Receipt of the reimbursement for the required length for completion of such  
102 program as determined by the department;

103           **(2) A student's successful completion of an eligible program of study or training**  
104 **program; or**

105           **(3) A student's completion of one hundred fifty percent of the time usually**  
106 **required to complete an eligible program of study or training program.**

107           **7. The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the**  
108 **implementation and administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that**  
109 **term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this**  
110 **section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the**  
111 **provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter**  
112 **536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly**  
113 **pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul**  
114 **a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority**  
115 **and any rule proposed or adopted after the effective date of this act shall be invalid and**  
116 **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 4 or higher**, for any similarly correlated course offered by  
14 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.

~~[620.484.]~~ **173.2565.** The provisions of the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C.A. Sec. 49  
2 et seq.), as amended, are hereby accepted by this state and the ~~[division]~~ **office** of workforce  
3 development of the department of ~~[economie]~~ **higher education and workforce**  
4 development is hereby designated and constituted the agency of this state for the purposes  
5 of said act. The ~~[division]~~ **office** shall establish and maintain free public employment offices  
6 in such number and in such places as may be necessary for the proper administration of this  
7 chapter and for the purposes of performing such functions as are within the purview of the  
8 Wagner-Peyser Act.

~~[620.490.]~~ **173.2566.** The department of ~~[economie]~~ **higher education and**  
2 **workforce** development shall promulgate rules providing for the coordination of state and  
3 federal job training resources administered by the department of ~~[economie]~~ **higher**  
4 **education and workforce** development, including the local workforce investment areas  
5 established in the state to administer federal funds pursuant to the federal Workforce  
6 Investment Act or its successor, for the provision of assistance to businesses in this state  
7 relating to the creation of new jobs in the state. The department shall include in these rules  
8 the methods to be followed by any business engaged in the creation of new jobs in state to  
9 ensure that economically disadvantaged citizens receive opportunities for employment in the  
10 new jobs created. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this  
11 section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of  
12 section 536.024.

~~[620.511.]~~ **173.2570.** 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri Workforce  
2 Development Board", formerly known as the Missouri workforce investment board, and  
3 hereinafter referred to as "the board" in sections ~~[620.511 to 620.513]~~ **173.2570 to 173.2572.**

4 2. The purpose of the board is to provide workforce investment activities, through  
5 statewide and local workforce investment systems, that increase the employment, retention,  
6 and earnings of participants, and increase occupational skill attainment by participants, and,  
7 as a result, improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and enhance the  
8 productivity and competitiveness of the state of Missouri. The board shall be the state's  
9 advisory board pertaining to workforce preparation policy.

10 3. The board shall meet the requirements of the federal Workforce Innovation and  
11 Opportunity Act, hereinafter referred to as the "WIOA", P.L. 113-128, as amended. Should  
12 another federal law supplant the WIOA, all references in sections ~~[620.511 to 620.513]~~  
13 **173.2570 to 173.2572** to the WIOA shall apply as well to the new federal law.

14           4. Composition of the board shall comply with the WIOA. Board members appointed  
15 by the governor shall be subject to the advice and consent of the senate. Consistent with the  
16 requirements of the WIOA, the governor shall designate one member of the board to be its  
17 chairperson.

18           5. Each member of the board shall serve for a term of four years, subject to the  
19 pleasure of the governor, and until a successor is duly appointed. In the event of a vacancy on  
20 the board, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and said  
21 replacement shall serve the remainder of the original appointee's unexpired term.

22           6. Of the members initially appointed to the WIOA, formerly known as the WIA,  
23 board, one-fourth shall be appointed for a term of four years, one-fourth shall be appointed for  
24 a term of three years, one-fourth shall be appointed for a term of two years, and one-fourth  
25 shall be appointed for a term of one year.

26           7. WIOA board members shall receive no compensation, but shall be reimbursed for  
27 all necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties.

28           8. The department may include on its website a list of the names of the members of  
29 the board, including the names of members of local workforce development boards, along  
30 with information on how to contact such boards.

~~[620.512.]~~ **173.2571.** 1. The board shall establish bylaws governing its organization,  
2 operation, and procedure consistent with sections ~~[620.511 to 620.513]~~ **173.2570 to**  
3 **173.2572**, and consistent with the WIOA.

4           2. The board shall meet at least four times each year at the call of the chairperson.

5           3. In order to assure objective management and oversight, the board shall not operate  
6 programs or provide services directly to eligible participants, but shall exist solely to plan,  
7 coordinate, and monitor the provisions of such programs and services. A member of the  
8 board may not vote on a matter under consideration by the board that regards the provision of  
9 services by the member or by an entity that the member represents or would provide direct  
10 financial benefit to the member or the immediate family of the member. A member of the  
11 board may not engage in any other activity determined by the governor to constitute a conflict  
12 of interest.

13           4. The composition and the roles and responsibilities of the board membership may  
14 be amended to comply with any succeeding federal or state legislative or regulatory  
15 requirements governing workforce investment activities, except that the procedure for such  
16 change shall be outlined in state rules and regulations and adopted in the bylaws of the board.

17           5. The department of ~~[economics]~~ **higher education and workforce** development,  
18 **office of workforce development**, shall provide professional, technical, and clerical staff for  
19 the board.



20           6. The board may promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to administer the  
21 provisions of sections ~~[620.511 to 620.513]~~ **173.2570 to 173.2572**. Any rule or portion of a  
22 rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in  
23 this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the  
24 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536  
25 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to  
26 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
27 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule  
28 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

~~[620.513-]~~ **173.2572**. 1. The board shall assist the governor with the functions  
2 described in Section 101(d) of the WIOA, 29 U.S.C. Section ~~[344d]~~ **3111(d)**, and any  
3 regulations issued pursuant to the WIOA.

4           2. The board shall submit an annual report of its activities to the governor, the speaker  
5 of the house of representatives, and the president pro tem of the senate no later than January  
6 thirty-first of each year.

7           3. Nothing in sections ~~[620.511 to 620.513]~~ **173.2570 to 173.2572** shall be construed  
8 to require or allow the board to assume or supersede the statutory authority granted to, or  
9 impose any duties or requirements on, the state coordinating board for higher education, the  
10 governing boards of the state's public colleges and universities, the state board of education,  
11 or any local educational agencies.

          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.**

178.550. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Career and  
2 Technical Education Student Protection Act". There is hereby established the "Career and  
3 Technical Education Advisory Council" within the department of elementary and secondary  
4 education.

5 2. The advisory council shall be composed of sixteen members who shall be Missouri  
6 residents. The director of the department of economic development, or his or her designee,  
7 shall be a member. The commissioner of education shall appoint the following members:

- 8 (1) A director or administrator of a career and technical education center;
- 9 (2) An individual from the business community with a background in commerce;
- 10 (3) A representative from State Technical College of Missouri;
- 11 (4) Three current or retired career and technical education teachers who also serve or  
12 served as an advisor to any of the nationally recognized career and technical education  
13 student organizations of:
  - 14 (a) DECA;
  - 15 (b) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA);
  - 16 (c) FFA;
  - 17 (d) Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA);
  - 18 (e) Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA);
  - 19 (f) SkillsUSA; or
  - 20 (g) Technology Student Association (TSA);
- 21 (5) A representative from a business organization, association of businesses, or a  
22 business coalition;
- 23 (6) A representative from a Missouri community college;
- 24 (7) A representative from Southeast Missouri State University or the University of  
25 Central Missouri;
- 26 (8) An individual participating in an apprenticeship recognized by the department of  
27 labor and industrial relations or approved by the United States Department of Labor's Office  
28 of Apprenticeship;
- 29 (9) A school administrator or school superintendent of a school that offers career and  
30 technical education.

31           3. Members appointed by the commissioner of education shall serve a term of five  
32 years except for the initial appointments, which shall be for the following lengths:

- 33           (1) One member shall be appointed for a term of one year;  
34           (2) Two members shall be appointed for a term of two years;  
35           (3) Two members shall be appointed for a term of three years;  
36           (4) Three members shall be appointed for a term of four years;  
37           (5) Three members shall be appointed for a term of five years.

38           4. Four members shall be from the general assembly. The president pro tempore of  
39 the senate shall appoint two members of the senate of whom not more than one shall be of the  
40 same party. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two members of the  
41 house of representatives of whom not more than one shall be of the same party. The  
42 legislative members shall serve on the advisory council until such time as they resign, are no  
43 longer members of the general assembly, or are replaced by new appointments.

44           5. The advisory council shall have three nonvoting ex officio members:

- 45           (1) A director of guidance and counseling services at the department of elementary  
46 and secondary education, or a similar position if such position ceases to exist;  
47           (2) The director of the ~~[division]~~ **office** of workforce development; and  
48           (3) A member of the coordinating board for higher education, as selected by the  
49 coordinating board.

50           6. The assistant commissioner for the office of college and career readiness of the  
51 department of elementary and secondary education shall provide staff assistance to the  
52 advisory council.

53           7. The advisory council shall meet at least four times annually. The advisory council  
54 may make all rules it deems necessary to enable it to conduct its meetings, elect its officers,  
55 and set the terms and duties of its officers. The advisory council shall elect from among its  
56 members a chairperson, vice chairperson, a secretary-reporter, and such other officers as it  
57 deems necessary. Members of the advisory council shall serve without compensation but may  
58 be reimbursed for actual expenses necessary to the performance of their official duties for the  
59 advisory council.

60           8. Any business to come before the advisory council shall be available on the  
61 advisory council's internet website at least seven business days prior to the start of each  
62 meeting. All records of any decisions, votes, exhibits, or outcomes shall be available on the  
63 advisory council's internet website within forty-eight hours following the conclusion of every  
64 meeting. Any materials prepared for the members shall be delivered to the members at least  
65 five days before the meeting, and to the extent such materials are public records as defined in  
66 section 610.010 and are not permitted to be closed under section 610.021, shall be made

67 available on the advisory council's internet website at least five business days in advance of  
68 the meeting.

69 9. The advisory council shall make an annual written report to the state board of  
70 education and the commissioner of education regarding the development, implementation,  
71 and administration of the state budget for career and technical education.

72 10. The advisory council shall annually submit written recommendations to the state  
73 board of education and the commissioner of education regarding the oversight and procedures  
74 for the handling of funds for student career and technical education organizations.

75 11. The advisory council shall:

76 (1) Develop a comprehensive statewide short- and long-range strategic plan for career  
77 and technical education;

78 (2) Identify service gaps and provide advice on methods to close such gaps as they  
79 relate to youth and adult employees, workforce development, and employers on training  
80 needs;

81 (3) Confer with public and private entities for the purpose of promoting and  
82 improving career and technical education;

83 (4) Identify legislative recommendations to improve career and technical education;

84 (5) Promote coordination of existing career and technical education programs;

85 (6) Adopt, alter, or repeal by its own bylaws, rules and regulations governing the  
86 manner in which its business may be transacted.

87 12. For purposes of this section, the department of elementary and secondary  
88 education shall provide such documentation and information as to allow the advisory council  
89 to be effective.

90 13. For purposes of this section, "advisory council" shall mean the career and  
91 technical education advisory council.

178.585. 1. Under rules and regulations of the state board of education, the  
2 commissioner of education, in cooperation with the ~~[director of the division]~~ **office** of  
3 workforce development of the department of ~~[economics]~~ **higher education and workforce**  
4 development, shall establish procedures to provide grants to public high schools, vocational-  
5 technical schools, State Technical College of Missouri, and community colleges solely for the  
6 purpose of new programs, curriculum enhancement, equipment and facilities so as to upgrade  
7 vocational and technical education in the state.

8 2. Each vocational-technical school, community college, State Technical College of  
9 Missouri, and school district of any public high school receiving a grant authorized by this  
10 section shall have an advisory committee composed of local business persons, labor leaders,  
11 parents, senior citizens, community leaders and teachers to establish a plan to ensure that  
12 students who graduate from the vocational-technical school, community college, State

13 Technical College of Missouri, or public high school proceed to a four-year college or high-  
14 wage job with workplace-skill development opportunities.

15 3. The ~~[director of the]~~ department of ~~[economic]~~ **higher education and workforce**  
16 development shall provide annually to the commissioner of education a listing of demand  
17 occupations in the state including substate projections. The listing shall include those  
18 occupations for which, in the judgment of the ~~[director of the]~~ department of ~~[economic]~~  
19 **higher education and workforce** development, there is a critical shortage to meet present or  
20 future employment needs necessary to the economic growth and competitiveness of the state.

21 4. In any fiscal year, at least seventy-five percent of all moneys for the grant awards  
22 authorized by this section shall be to public high schools, vocational-technical schools, State  
23 Technical College of Missouri, or community colleges for new programs, curriculum  
24 enhancement or equipment necessary to address demand occupations identified pursuant to  
25 subsection 3 of this section.

186.019. 1. Prior to April first of each year, starting in 1992, the information  
2 described in subdivisions (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this subsection shall be delivered in report  
3 form to the Missouri women's council, the governor's office, the secretary of the senate, and  
4 the chief clerk of the house of representatives. The information shall apply only to activities  
5 which occurred during the previous calendar year. Reports shall be required from the  
6 following:

7 (1) The department of labor and industrial relations, and the ~~[division]~~ **office** of  
8 workforce development of the department of ~~[economic]~~ **higher education and workforce**  
9 development, who shall assemble all available data and report on all business start-ups and  
10 business failures which are fifty-one percent or more owned by women. The reports shall  
11 distinguish, as best as possible, those businesses which are sole proprietorships, partnerships,  
12 or corporations;

13 (2) The department of economic development, who shall assemble all available data  
14 and report on financial assistance or other incentives given to all businesses which are fifty-  
15 one percent or more owned by women. The report shall contain information relating to  
16 assistance or incentives awarded for the retention of existing businesses, the expansion of  
17 existing businesses, or the start-up of new businesses;

18 (3) The department of revenue, who shall assemble all available data and report on  
19 the number, gross receipts and net income of all businesses which are fifty-one percent or  
20 more owned by women. The reports shall distinguish those businesses which are sole  
21 proprietorships, partnerships or corporations;

22 (4) The division of purchasing of the office of administration, who shall assemble all  
23 available data and report on businesses which are fifty-one percent or more owned by women  
24 which are recipients of contracts awarded by the state of Missouri.

25           2. Prior to December first of each year, starting in 1990, the information described in  
26 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be delivered in report form to the Missouri  
27 women's council, the governor's office, the secretary of the senate, and the chief clerk of the  
28 house of representatives. The information shall apply only to activities which occurred  
29 during the previous school year. Reports shall be required from the following:

30           (1) The department of elementary and secondary education shall assemble all  
31 available data from the Vocational and Education Data System (VEDS) on class enrollments  
32 by Instruction Program Codes (CIP); by secondary and postsecondary schools; and,  
33 secondary, postsecondary, and adult level classes; and by gender. This data shall also be  
34 reported by classes of traditional and nontraditional occupational areas;

35           (2) The coordinating board for higher education shall assemble all available data and  
36 report on higher education degrees awarded by academic discipline; type of degree; type of  
37 school; and gender. All available data shall also be reported on salaries received upon  
38 completion of degree program and subsequent hire, as well as any data available on follow-up  
39 salaries.

288.040. 1. A claimant who is unemployed and has been determined to be an insured  
2 worker shall be eligible for benefits for any week only if the deputy finds that:

3           (1) The claimant has registered for work at and thereafter has continued to report at an  
4 employment office in accordance with such regulations as the division may prescribe;

5           (2) The claimant is able to work and is available for work. No person shall be  
6 deemed available for work unless such person has been and is actively and earnestly seeking  
7 work. Upon the filing of an initial or renewed claim, and prior to the filing of each weekly  
8 claim thereafter, the deputy shall notify each claimant of the number of work search contacts  
9 required to constitute an active search for work. Unless the deputy directs otherwise, a  
10 claimant shall make a minimum of three work search contacts during any week for which he  
11 or she claims benefits. No person shall be considered not available for work, pursuant to this  
12 subdivision, solely because he or she is a substitute teacher or is on jury duty. A claimant  
13 shall not be determined to be ineligible pursuant to this subdivision because of not actively  
14 and earnestly seeking work if:

15           (a) The claimant is participating in training approved pursuant to Section 236 of the  
16 Trade Act of 1974, as amended, (19 U.S.C.A. Sec. 2296, as amended);

17           (b) The claimant is temporarily unemployed through no fault of his or her own and  
18 has a definite recall date within eight weeks of his or her first day of unemployment; however,  
19 upon application of the employer responsible for the claimant's unemployment, such eight-  
20 week period may be extended not to exceed a total of sixteen weeks at the discretion of the  
21 director;

22 (3) The claimant has reported to an office of the division as directed by the deputy,  
23 but at least once every four weeks, except that a claimant shall be exempted from the  
24 reporting requirement of this subdivision if:

25 (a) The claimant is claiming benefits in accordance with division regulations dealing  
26 with partial or temporary total unemployment; or

27 (b) The claimant is temporarily unemployed through no fault of his or her own and  
28 has a definite recall date within eight weeks of his or her first day of unemployment; or

29 (c) The director of the division of employment security has determined that the  
30 claimant belongs to a group or class of workers whose opportunities for reemployment will  
31 not be enhanced by reporting, or is prevented from reporting due to emergency conditions that  
32 limit access by the general public to an office that serves the area where the claimant resides,  
33 but only during the time such circumstances exist.

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35 Ineligibility pursuant to this subdivision shall begin on the first day of the week which the  
36 claimant was scheduled to claim and shall end on the last day of the week preceding the week  
37 during which the claimant does report to the division's office;

38 (4) Prior to the first week of a period of total or partial unemployment for which the  
39 claimant claims benefits he or she has been totally or partially unemployed for a waiting  
40 period of one week. No more than one waiting week will be required in any benefit year.  
41 During calendar year 2008 and each calendar year thereafter, the one-week waiting period  
42 shall become compensable once his or her remaining balance on the claim is equal to or less  
43 than the compensable amount for the waiting period. No week shall be counted as a week of  
44 total or partial unemployment for the purposes of this subsection unless it occurs within the  
45 benefit year which includes the week with respect to which the claimant claims benefits;

46 (5) The claimant has made a claim for benefits within fourteen days from the last day  
47 of the week being claimed. The fourteen-day period may, for good cause, be extended to  
48 twenty-eight days;

49 (6) The claimant has reported to an employment office to participate in a  
50 reemployment assessment and reemployment services as directed by the deputy or designated  
51 staff of an employment office, unless the deputy determines that good cause exists for the  
52 claimant's failure to participate in such reemployment assessment and reemployment services.  
53 For purposes of this section, "reemployment services" may include, but not be limited to, the  
54 following:

55 (a) Providing an orientation to employment office services;

56 (b) Providing job search assistance; and

57 (c) Providing labor market statistics or analysis;

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59 Ineligibility under this subdivision shall begin on the first day of the week which the claimant  
60 was scheduled to report for the reemployment assessment or reemployment services and shall  
61 end on the last day of the week preceding the week during which the claimant does report in  
62 person to the employment office for such reemployment assessment or reemployment  
63 services;

64 (7) The claimant is participating in reemployment services, such as job search  
65 assistance services, as directed by the deputy if the claimant has been determined to be likely  
66 to exhaust regular benefits and to need reemployment services pursuant to a profiling system  
67 established by the division, unless the deputy determines that:

68 (a) The individual has completed such reemployment services; or

69 (b) There is justifiable cause for the claimant's failure to participate in such  
70 reemployment services.

71 2. A claimant shall be ineligible for waiting week credit or benefits for any week for  
72 which the deputy finds he or she is or has been suspended by his or her most recent employer  
73 for misconduct connected with his or her work. Suspensions of four weeks or more shall be  
74 treated as discharges.

75 3. (1) Benefits based on "service in employment", described in subsections 7 and 8 of  
76 section 288.034, shall be payable in the same amount, on the same terms and subject to the  
77 same conditions as compensation payable on the basis of other service subject to this law;  
78 except that:

79 (a) With respect to service performed in an instructional, research, or principal  
80 administrative capacity for an educational institution, benefits shall not be paid based on such  
81 services for any week of unemployment commencing during the period between two  
82 successive academic years or terms, or during a similar period between two regular but not  
83 successive terms, or during a period of paid sabbatical leave provided for in the individual's  
84 contract, to any individual if such individual performs such services in the first of such  
85 academic years (or terms) and if there is a contract or a reasonable assurance that such  
86 individual will perform services in any such capacity for any educational institution in the  
87 second of such academic years or terms;

88 (b) With respect to services performed in any capacity (other than instructional,  
89 research, or principal administrative capacity) for an educational institution, benefits shall not  
90 be paid on the basis of such services to any individual for any week which commences during  
91 a period between two successive academic years or terms if such individual performs such  
92 services in the first of such academic years or terms and there is a contract or a reasonable  
93 assurance that such individual will perform such services in the second of such academic  
94 years or terms;



95 (c) With respect to services described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision,  
96 benefits shall not be paid on the basis of such services to any individual for any week which  
97 commences during an established and customary vacation period or holiday recess if such  
98 individual performed such services in the period immediately before such vacation period or  
99 holiday recess, and there is reasonable assurance that such individual will perform such  
100 services immediately following such vacation period or holiday recess;

101 (d) With respect to services described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision,  
102 benefits payable on the basis of services in any such capacity shall be denied as specified in  
103 paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this subdivision to any individual who performed such services  
104 at an educational institution while in the employ of an educational service agency, and for this  
105 purpose the term "educational service agency" means a governmental agency or  
106 governmental entity which is established and operated exclusively for the purpose of  
107 providing such services to one or more educational institutions.

108 (2) If compensation is denied for any week pursuant to paragraph (b) or (d) of  
109 subdivision (1) of this subsection to any individual performing services at an educational  
110 institution in any capacity (other than instructional, research or principal administrative  
111 capacity), and such individual was not offered an opportunity to perform such services for the  
112 second of such academic years or terms, such individual shall be entitled to a retroactive  
113 payment of the compensation for each week for which the individual filed a timely claim for  
114 compensation and for which compensation was denied solely by reason of paragraph (b) or  
115 (d) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

116 4. (1) A claimant shall be ineligible for waiting week credit, benefits or shared work  
117 benefits for any week for which he or she is receiving or has received remuneration exceeding  
118 his or her weekly benefit amount or shared work benefit amount in the form of:

119 (a) Compensation for temporary partial disability pursuant to the workers'  
120 compensation law of any state or pursuant to a similar law of the United States;

121 (b) A governmental or other pension, retirement or retired pay, annuity, or other  
122 similar periodic payment which is based on the previous work of such claimant to the extent  
123 that such payment is provided from funds provided by a base period or chargeable employer  
124 pursuant to a plan maintained or contributed to by such employer; but, except for such  
125 payments made pursuant to the Social Security Act or the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974  
126 (or the corresponding provisions of prior law), the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply  
127 if the services performed for such employer by the claimant after the beginning of the base  
128 period (or remuneration for such services) do not affect eligibility for or increase the amount  
129 of such pension, retirement or retired pay, annuity or similar payment.

130 (2) If the remuneration referred to in this subsection is less than the benefits which  
131 would otherwise be due, the claimant shall be entitled to receive for such week, if otherwise

132 eligible, benefits reduced by the amount of such remuneration, and, if such benefit is not a  
133 multiple of one dollar, such amount shall be lowered to the next multiple of one dollar.

134 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, if a  
135 claimant has contributed in any way to the Social Security Act or the Railroad Retirement Act  
136 of 1974, or the corresponding provisions of prior law, no part of the payments received  
137 pursuant to such federal law shall be deductible from the amount of benefits received  
138 pursuant to this chapter.

139 5. A claimant shall be ineligible for waiting week credit or benefits for any week for  
140 which or a part of which he or she has received or is seeking unemployment benefits pursuant  
141 to an unemployment insurance law of another state or the United States; provided, that if it be  
142 finally determined that the claimant is not entitled to such unemployment benefits, such  
143 ineligibility shall not apply.

144 6. (1) A claimant shall be ineligible for waiting week credit or benefits for any week  
145 for which the deputy finds that such claimant's total or partial unemployment is due to a  
146 stoppage of work which exists because of a labor dispute in the factory, establishment or other  
147 premises in which such claimant is or was last employed. In the event the claimant secures  
148 other employment from which he or she is separated during the existence of the labor dispute,  
149 the claimant must have obtained bona fide employment as a permanent employee for at least  
150 the major part of each of two weeks in such subsequent employment to terminate his or her  
151 ineligibility. If, in any case, separate branches of work which are commonly conducted as  
152 separate businesses at separate premises are conducted in separate departments of the same  
153 premises, each such department shall for the purposes of this subsection be deemed to be a  
154 separate factory, establishment or other premises. This subsection shall not apply if it is  
155 shown to the satisfaction of the deputy that:

156 (a) The claimant is not participating in or financing or directly interested in the labor  
157 dispute which caused the stoppage of work; and

158 (b) The claimant does not belong to a grade or class of workers of which,  
159 immediately preceding the commencement of the stoppage, there were members employed at  
160 the premises at which the stoppage occurs, any of whom are participating in or financing or  
161 directly interested in the dispute.

162 (2) "Stoppage of work" as used in this subsection means a substantial diminution of  
163 the activities, production or services at the establishment, plant, factory or premises of the  
164 employing unit. This definition shall not apply to a strike where the employees in the  
165 bargaining unit who initiated the strike are participating in the strike. Such employees shall  
166 not be eligible for waiting week credit or benefits during the period when the strike is in  
167 effect, regardless of diminution, unless the employer has been found guilty of an unfair labor

168 practice by the National Labor Relations Board or a federal court of law for an act or actions  
169 preceding or during the strike.

170 7. On or after January 1, 1978, benefits shall not be paid to any individual on the basis  
171 of any services, substantially all of which consist of participating in sports or athletic events  
172 or training or preparing to so participate, for any week which commences during the period  
173 between two successive sport seasons (or similar periods) if such individual performed such  
174 services in the first of such seasons (or similar periods) and there is a reasonable assurance  
175 that such individual will perform such services in the later of such seasons (or similar  
176 periods).

177 8. Benefits shall not be payable on the basis of services performed by an alien, unless  
178 such alien is an individual who was lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time  
179 such services were performed, was lawfully present for purposes of performing such services,  
180 or was permanently residing in the United States under color of law at the time such services  
181 were performed (including an alien who was lawfully present in the United States as a result  
182 of the application of the provisions of Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality  
183 Act).

184 (1) Any data or information required of individuals applying for benefits to determine  
185 whether benefits are not payable to them because of their alien status shall be uniformly  
186 required from all applicants for benefits.

187 (2) In the case of an individual whose application for benefits would otherwise be  
188 approved, no determination that benefits to such individual are not payable because of such  
189 individual's alien status shall be made except upon a preponderance of the evidence.

190 9. A claimant shall be ineligible for waiting week credit or benefits for any week such  
191 claimant has an outstanding penalty which was assessed based upon an overpayment of  
192 benefits, as provided for in subsection 9 of section 288.380.

193 10. The directors of the division of employment security and the ~~[division]~~ **office** of  
194 workforce development shall submit to the governor, the speaker of the house of  
195 representatives, and the president pro tem of the senate no later than October 15, 2006, a  
196 report outlining their recommendations for how to improve work search verification and  
197 claimant reemployment activities. The recommendations shall include, but not limited to  
198 how to best utilize "greathires.org", and how to reduce the average duration of unemployment  
199 insurance claims. Each calendar year thereafter, the directors shall submit a report containing  
200 their recommendations on these issues by December thirty-first of each year.

201 11. For purposes of this section, a claimant may satisfy reporting requirements  
202 provided under this section by reporting by internet communication or any other means  
203 deemed acceptable by the division of employment security.

620.010. 1. There is hereby created a "Department of Economic Development" to be headed by a director appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate. All of the general provisions, definitions and powers enumerated in section 1 of the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974 shall continue to apply to this department and its divisions, agencies and personnel.

2. The powers, duties and functions vested in the public service commission, chapters 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 392, 393, and others, and the administrative hearing commission, sections 621.015 to 621.198 and others, are transferred by type III transfers to the department of economic development. The director of the department is directed to provide and coordinate staff and equipment services to these agencies in the interest of facilitating the work of the bodies and achieving optimum efficiency in staff services common to all the bodies. Nothing in the Reorganization Act of 1974 shall prevent the chairman of the public service commission from presenting additional budget requests or from explaining or clarifying its budget requests to the governor or general assembly.

3. The powers, duties and functions vested in the office of the public counsel are transferred by type III transfer to the department of economic development. Funding for the general counsel's office shall be by general revenue.

4. The public service commission is authorized to employ such staff as it deems necessary for the functions performed by the general counsel other than those powers, duties and functions relating to representation of the public before the public service commission.

5. All the powers, duties and functions vested in the tourism commission, chapter 258 and others, are transferred to the "Division of Tourism", which is hereby created, by type III transfer.

6. All the powers, duties and functions of the department of community affairs, chapter 251 and others, not otherwise assigned, are transferred by type I transfer to the department of economic development, and the department of community affairs is abolished. The director of the department of economic development may assume all the duties of the director of community affairs or may establish within the department such subunits and advisory committees as may be required to administer the programs so transferred. The director of the department shall appoint all members of such committees and heads of subunits.

7. The Missouri housing development commission, chapter 215, is assigned to the department of economic development, but shall remain a governmental instrumentality of the state of Missouri and shall constitute a body corporate and politic.

8. ~~All the authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, matters pending and other pertinent vestiges of the division of manpower planning of the department of social services are transferred by a type I transfer to the "Division of Workforce~~

38 ~~Development", which is hereby created, within the department of economic development.~~  
39 ~~The division of manpower planning within the department of social services is abolished.~~  
40 ~~The provisions of section 1 of the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974, Appendix B,~~  
41 ~~relating to the manner and procedures for transfers of state agencies shall apply to the~~  
42 ~~transfers provided in this section.~~

43 ~~9. All the authority, powers, functions, records, personnel, property, contracts, matters~~  
44 ~~pending and other pertinent vestiges of the division of employment security within the~~  
45 ~~department of labor and industrial relations related to job training and labor exchange that are~~  
46 ~~funded with or based upon Wagner-Peyser funds, and other federal and state workforce~~  
47 ~~development programs administered by the division of employment security are transferred~~  
48 ~~by a type I transfer to the division of workforce development within the department of~~  
49 ~~economic development.~~

50 ~~10.]~~ Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is  
51 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies  
52 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.  
53 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the  
54 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to  
55 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of  
56 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2008, shall be invalid  
57 and void.

620.515. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Show-Me Heroes"  
2 program, the purpose of which is to:

3 (1) Assist the spouse of an active duty National Guard or reserve component service  
4 member reservist and active duty United States military personnel to address immediate  
5 needs and employment in an attempt to keep the family from falling into poverty while the  
6 primary income earner is on active duty, and ~~[during the five-year period]~~ following discharge  
7 from deployment; and

8 (2) Assist returning National Guard troops or reserve component service member  
9 reservists and recently separated United States military personnel with finding work in  
10 situations where an individual needs to rebuild business clientele or where an individual's job  
11 has been eliminated while such individual was deployed, or where the individual otherwise  
12 cannot return to his or her previous employment.

13 2. Subject to appropriation, the department of higher education and workforce  
14 development shall operate the Show-Me heroes program through existing programs.  
15 Eligibility for the program shall be based on the following criteria:

16 (1) Eligible participants in the program shall be those families where:

- 17 (a) The primary income earner was called to active duty in defense of the United  
18 States for a period of more than four months;
- 19 (b) The family's primary income is no longer available;
- 20 (c) The family is experiencing significant hardship due to financial burdens; and
- 21 (d) The family has no outside resources available to assist with such hardships;
- 22 (2) Services that may be provided to the family will be aimed at ameliorating the  
23 immediate crisis and providing a path for economic stability while the primary income is not  
24 available due to the active military commitment. Services shall be made available [~~up to five~~  
25 ~~years~~] following discharge from deployment. Services may include, but not be limited to the  
26 following:
- 27 (a) Financial assistance to families facing financial crisis from overdue bills;
- 28 (b) Help paying day care costs to pursue training and or employment;
- 29 (c) Help covering the costs of transportation to training and or employment;
- 30 (d) Vocational evaluation and vocational counseling to help the individual choose a  
31 visible employment goal;
- 32 (e) Vocational training to acquire or upgrade skills needed to be marketable in the  
33 workforce;
- 34 (f) Paid internships and subsidized employment to train on the job; and
- 35 (g) Job placement assistance for those who don't require skills training.
- 36 3. (1) In addition to the benefits provided to those meeting the criteria established by  
37 subsection 2 of this section, the department of higher education and workforce development  
38 may award grants from the Show-Me heroes program or programs administering the Show-  
39 Me heroes program to one or more nonprofit organizations that facilitate the participation in  
40 apprenticeship training programs of veterans and active duty United States military personnel  
41 who are transitioning into civilian employment.
- 42 (2) A grant awarded pursuant to this subsection shall be used only to recruit or assist  
43 veterans or active duty United States military personnel who are transitioning into civilian  
44 employment to participate in an apprenticeship training program in this state.
- 45 (3) As used in this subsection, the term "apprenticeship training program" means a  
46 training program that provides on-the-job training, preparatory instruction, supplementary  
47 instruction, or related instruction in a trade that has been certified as an apprenticeable  
48 occupation by the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor.
- 49 4. The department shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.  
50 Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under  
51 the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is  
52 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section  
53 and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly

54 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a  
55 rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any  
56 rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2012, shall be invalid and void.

2 ~~[167.910. 1. There is hereby established the "Career Readiness Course~~  
3 ~~Task Force" to explore the possibility of a course covering the topics described~~  
4 ~~in this section being offered in the public schools to students in eighth grade or~~  
5 ~~ninth grade. Task force members shall be chosen to represent the geographic~~  
6 ~~diversity of the state. All task force members shall be appointed before~~  
7 ~~October 31, 2018. The task force members shall be appointed as follows:~~

8 ~~(1) A parent of a student attending elementary school, appointed by~~  
9 ~~the joint committee on education;~~

10 ~~(2) A parent of a student attending a grade not lower than the sixth nor~~  
11 ~~higher than the eighth grade, appointed by the joint committee on education;~~

12 ~~(3) A parent of a student attending high school, appointed by the joint~~  
13 ~~committee on education;~~

14 ~~(4) An elementary education professional from an accredited school~~  
15 ~~district, appointed by the joint committee on education from names submitted~~  
16 ~~by statewide education employee organizations;~~

17 ~~(5) Two education professionals giving instruction in a grade or grades~~  
18 ~~not lower than the sixth nor higher than the eighth grade in accredited school~~  
19 ~~districts, appointed by the joint committee on education from names submitted~~  
20 ~~by statewide education employee organizations;~~

21 ~~(6) Two secondary education professionals from accredited school~~  
22 ~~districts, appointed by the joint committee on education from names submitted~~  
23 ~~by statewide education employee organizations;~~

24 ~~(7) A career and technical education professional who has experience~~  
25 ~~serving as an advisor to a statewide career and technical education~~  
26 ~~organization, appointed by a statewide career and technical education~~  
27 ~~organization;~~

28 ~~(8) An education professional from an accredited technical high~~  
29 ~~school, appointed by a statewide career and technical education organization;~~

30 ~~(9) A public school board member, appointed by a statewide~~  
31 ~~association of school boards;~~

32 ~~(10) A secondary school principal, appointed by a statewide~~  
33 ~~association of secondary school principals;~~

34 ~~(11) A principal of a school giving instruction in a grade or grades not~~  
35 ~~lower than the sixth nor higher than the eighth grade, appointed by a statewide~~  
36 ~~association of secondary school principals;~~

37 ~~(12) An elementary school counselor, appointed by a statewide~~  
38 ~~association of school counselors;~~

39 ~~(13) Two school counselors from a school giving instruction in a grade~~  
40 ~~or grades not lower than the sixth nor higher than the eighth grade, appointed~~  
41 ~~by a statewide association of school counselors;~~

42 ~~(14) A secondary school counselor, appointed by a statewide~~  
~~association of school counselors;~~

43           ~~(15) A secondary school career and college counselor, appointed by a~~  
44 ~~statewide association of school counselors;~~

45           ~~(16) An apprenticeship professional, appointed by the division of~~  
46 ~~workforce development of economic development;~~

47           ~~(17) A representative of Missouri Project Lead the Way, appointed by~~  
48 ~~the statewide Project Lead the Way organization;~~

49           ~~(18) A representative of the state technical college, appointed by the~~  
50 ~~state technical college;~~

51           ~~(19) A representative of a public community college, appointed by a~~  
52 ~~statewide organization of community colleges; and~~

53           ~~(20) A representative of a public four year institution of higher~~  
54 ~~education, appointed by the commissioner of higher education.~~

55           ~~2. The members of the task force established under subsection 1 of this~~  
56 ~~section shall elect a chair from among the membership of the task force. The~~  
57 ~~task force shall meet as needed to complete its consideration of the course~~  
58 ~~described in subsection 5 of this section and provide its findings and~~  
59 ~~recommendations as described in subsection 6 of this section. Members of the~~  
60 ~~task force shall serve without compensation. No school district policy or~~  
61 ~~administrative action shall require any education employee member to use~~  
62 ~~personal leave or incur a reduction in pay for participating on the task force.~~

63           ~~3. The task force shall hold at least three public hearings to provide an~~  
64 ~~opportunity to receive public testimony including, but not limited to, testimony~~  
65 ~~from educators, local school boards, parents, representatives from business~~  
66 ~~and industry, labor and community leaders, members of the general assembly,~~  
67 ~~and the general public.~~

68           ~~4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall~~  
69 ~~provide such legal, research, clerical, and technical services as the task force~~  
70 ~~may require in the performance of its duties.~~

71           ~~5. The task force established under subsection 1 of this section shall~~  
72 ~~consider a course that:~~

73           ~~(1) Gives students an opportunity to explore various career and~~  
74 ~~educational opportunities by:~~

75           ~~(a) Administering career surveys to students and helping students use~~  
76 ~~Missouri Connections to determine their career interests and develop plans to~~  
77 ~~meet their career goals;~~

78           ~~(b) Explaining the differences between types of colleges, including~~  
79 ~~two year and four year colleges and noting the availability of registered~~  
80 ~~apprenticeship programs as alternatives to college for students;~~

81           ~~(c) Describing technical degrees offered by colleges;~~

82           ~~(d) Explaining the courses and educational experiences offered at~~  
83 ~~community colleges;~~

84           ~~(e) Describing the various certificates and credentials available to earn~~  
85 ~~at the school or other schools including, but not limited to, career and technical~~  
86 ~~education certificates described under section 170.029 and industry-~~  
87 ~~recognized certificates and credentials;~~

88           ~~(f) Advising students of any advanced placement courses that they~~  
89 ~~may take at the school;~~

90           ~~(g) Describing any opportunities at the school for dual enrollment;~~



- 91           (h) ~~Advising students of any Project Lead the Way courses offered at~~  
92 ~~the school and explaining how Project Lead the Way courses help students~~  
93 ~~learn valuable skills;~~  
94           (i) ~~Informing students of the availability of funding for postsecondary~~  
95 ~~education through the A+ schools program described under section 160.545;~~  
96           (j) ~~Describing the availability of virtual courses;~~  
97           (k) ~~Describing the types of skills and occupations most in demand in~~  
98 ~~the current job market and those skills and occupations likely to be in high~~  
99 ~~demand in future years;~~  
100          (l) ~~Describing the typical salaries for occupations, salary trends, and~~  
101 ~~opportunities for advancement in various occupations;~~  
102          (m) ~~Emphasizing the opportunities available in careers involving~~  
103 ~~science, technology, engineering, and math;~~  
104          (n) ~~Advising students of the resources offered by workforce or job~~  
105 ~~centers;~~  
106          (o) ~~Preparing students for the ACT assessment or the ACT WorkKeys~~  
107 ~~assessments required for the National Career Readiness Certificate;~~  
108          (p) ~~Administering a practice ACT assessment or practice ACT~~  
109 ~~WorkKeys assessments required for the National Career Readiness Certificate~~  
110 ~~to students;~~  
111          (q) ~~Advising students of opportunities to take the SAT and the Armed~~  
112 ~~Services Vocational Aptitude Battery;~~  
113          (r) ~~Administering a basic math test to students so that they can assess~~  
114 ~~their math skills;~~  
115          (s) ~~Administering a basic writing test to students so that they can~~  
116 ~~assess their writing skills;~~  
117          (t) ~~Helping each student prepare a personal plan of study that outlines~~  
118 ~~a sequence of courses and experiences that concludes with the student reaching~~  
119 ~~his or her postsecondary goals; and~~  
120          (u) ~~Explaining how to complete college applications and the Free~~  
121 ~~Application for Federal Student Aid;~~  
122          (2) ~~Focuses on career readiness and emphasizes the importance of~~  
123 ~~work ethic, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity;~~  
124          (3) ~~Demonstrates that graduation from a four-year college is not the~~  
125 ~~only pathway to success by describing to students at least sixteen pathways to~~  
126 ~~success in detail and including guest visitors who represent each pathway~~  
127 ~~described. In exploring how these pathways could be covered in the course,~~  
128 ~~the task force shall consider how instructors for the course may be able to rely~~  
129 ~~on assistance from Missouri's career pathways within the department of~~  
130 ~~elementary and secondary education;~~  
131          (4) ~~Provides student loan counseling; and~~  
132          (5) ~~May include parent-student meetings.~~  
133          6. ~~Before December 1, 2019, the task force established under~~  
134 ~~subsection 1 of this section shall present its findings and recommendations to~~  
135 ~~the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tempore of the~~  
136 ~~senate, the joint committee on education, and the state board of education.~~  
137 ~~Upon presenting the findings and recommendations as described in this~~  
138 ~~subsection, the task force shall dissolve.]~~

~~[167.910. 1. There is hereby established the "Career Readiness Course Task Force" to explore the possibility of a course covering the topics described in this section being offered in the public schools to students in eighth grade or ninth grade. Task force members shall be chosen to represent the geographic diversity of the state. All task force members shall be appointed before October 31, 2018. The task force members shall be appointed as follows:~~

~~(1) A parent of a student attending elementary school, appointed by a statewide association of parents and teachers;~~

~~(2) A parent of a student attending a grade not lower than the sixth nor higher than the eighth grade, appointed by a statewide association of parents and teachers;~~

~~(3) A parent of a student attending high school, appointed by a statewide association of parents and teachers;~~

~~(4) An elementary education professional from an accredited school district, appointed by agreement among the Missouri State Teachers Association, the Missouri National Education Association, and the American Federation of Teachers of Missouri;~~

~~(5) An education professional giving instruction in a grade or grades not lower than the sixth nor higher than the eighth grade in an accredited school district, appointed by agreement among the Missouri State Teachers Association, the Missouri National Education Association, and the American Federation of Teachers of Missouri;~~

~~(6) A secondary education professional from an accredited school district, appointed by agreement among the Missouri State Teachers Association, the Missouri National Education Association, and the American Federation of Teachers of Missouri;~~

~~(7) A career and technical education professional who has experience serving as an advisor to a statewide career and technical education organization, appointed by a statewide career and technical education organization;~~

~~(8) An education professional from an accredited technical high school, appointed by a statewide career and technical education organization;~~

~~(9) A public school board member, appointed by a statewide association of school boards;~~

~~(10) A secondary school principal, appointed by a statewide association of secondary school principals;~~

~~(11) A principal of a school giving instruction in a grade or grades not lower than the sixth nor higher than the eighth grade, appointed by a statewide association of secondary school principals;~~

~~(12) An elementary school counselor, appointed by a statewide association of school counselors;~~

~~(13) A school counselor from a school giving instruction in a grade or grades not lower than the sixth nor higher than the eighth grade, appointed by a statewide association of school counselors;~~

~~(14) A secondary school counselor, appointed by a statewide association of school counselors;~~

47           ~~(15) A secondary school career and college counselor, appointed by a~~  
48 ~~statewide association of school counselors;~~

49           ~~(16) An apprenticeship professional, appointed by the division of~~  
50 ~~workforce development of the department of economic development;~~

51           ~~(17) A representative of Missouri Project Lead the Way, appointed by~~  
52 ~~the statewide Project Lead the Way organization;~~

53           ~~(18) A representative of the State Technical College of Missouri,~~  
54 ~~appointed by the State Technical College of Missouri;~~

55           ~~(19) A representative of a public community college, appointed by a~~  
56 ~~statewide organization of community colleges; and~~

57           ~~(20) A representative of a public four year institution of higher~~  
58 ~~education, appointed by the commissioner of higher education.~~

59           ~~2. The members of the task force established under subsection 1 of this~~  
60 ~~section shall elect a chair from among the membership of the task force. The~~  
61 ~~task force shall meet as needed to complete its consideration of the course~~  
62 ~~described in subsection 5 of this section and provide its findings and~~  
63 ~~recommendations as described in subsection 6 of this section. Members of the~~  
64 ~~task force shall serve without compensation. No school district policy or~~  
65 ~~administrative action shall require any education employee member to use~~  
66 ~~personal leave or incur a reduction in pay for participating on the task force.~~

67           ~~3. The task force shall hold at least three public hearings to provide an~~  
68 ~~opportunity to receive public testimony including, but not limited to, testimony~~  
69 ~~from educators, local school boards, parents, representatives from business~~  
70 ~~and industry, labor and community leaders, members of the general assembly,~~  
71 ~~and the general public.~~

72           ~~4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall~~  
73 ~~provide such legal, research, clerical, and technical services as the task force~~  
74 ~~may require in the performance of its duties.~~

75           ~~5. The task force established under subsection 1 of this section shall~~  
76 ~~consider a course that:~~

77           ~~(1) Gives students an opportunity to explore various career and~~  
78 ~~educational opportunities by:~~

79           ~~(a) Administering career surveys to students and helping students use~~  
80 ~~Missouri Connections to determine their career interests and develop plans to~~  
81 ~~meet their career goals;~~

82           ~~(b) Explaining the differences between types of colleges, including~~  
83 ~~two year and four year colleges, and noting the availability of registered~~  
84 ~~apprenticeship programs as alternatives to college for students;~~

85           ~~(c) Describing technical degrees offered by colleges;~~

86           ~~(d) Explaining the courses and educational experiences offered at~~  
87 ~~community colleges;~~

88           ~~(e) Describing the various certificates and credentials available to earn~~  
89 ~~at the school or other schools including, but not limited to, career and technical~~  
90 ~~education certificates described under section 170.029 and industry-~~  
91 ~~recognized certificates and credentials;~~

92           ~~(f) Advising students of any advanced placement courses that they~~  
93 ~~may take at the school;~~

94           ~~(g) Describing any opportunities at the school for dual enrollment;~~

95 ~~(h) Advising students of any Project Lead the Way courses offered at~~  
96 ~~the school and explaining how Project Lead the Way courses help students~~  
97 ~~learn valuable skills;~~

98 ~~(i) Informing students of the availability of funding for postsecondary~~  
99 ~~education through the A+ schools program described under section 160.545;~~

100 ~~(j) Describing the availability of virtual courses;~~

101 ~~(k) Describing the types of skills and occupations most in demand in~~  
102 ~~the current job market and those skills and occupations likely to be in high~~  
103 ~~demand in future years;~~

104 ~~(l) Describing the typical salaries for occupations, salary trends, and~~  
105 ~~opportunities for advancement in various occupations;~~

106 ~~(m) Emphasizing the opportunities available in careers involving~~  
107 ~~science, technology, engineering, and math;~~

108 ~~(n) Advising students of the resources offered by workforce or job~~  
109 ~~centers;~~

110 ~~(o) Preparing students for the ACT assessment or the ACT WorkKeys~~  
111 ~~assessments required for the National Career Readiness Certificate;~~

112 ~~(p) Administering a practice ACT assessment or practice ACT~~  
113 ~~WorkKeys assessments required for the National Career Readiness Certificate~~  
114 ~~to students;~~

115 ~~(q) Advising students of opportunities to take the SAT and the Armed~~  
116 ~~Services Vocational Aptitude Battery;~~

117 ~~(r) Administering a basic math test to students so that they can assess~~  
118 ~~their math skills;~~

119 ~~(s) Administering a basic writing test to students so that they can~~  
120 ~~assess their writing skills;~~

121 ~~(t) Helping each student prepare a personal plan of study that outlines~~  
122 ~~a sequence of courses and experiences that concludes with the student reaching~~  
123 ~~his or her postsecondary goals; and~~

124 ~~(u) Explaining how to complete college applications and the Free~~  
125 ~~Application for Federal Student Aid;~~

126 ~~(2) Focuses on career readiness and emphasizes the importance of~~  
127 ~~work ethic, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity;~~

128 ~~(3) Demonstrates that graduation from a four-year college is not the~~  
129 ~~only pathway to success by describing to students at least sixteen pathways to~~  
130 ~~success in detail and including guest visitors who represent each pathway~~  
131 ~~described. In exploring how these pathways could be covered in the course,~~  
132 ~~the task force shall consider how instructors for the course may be able to rely~~  
133 ~~on assistance from Missouri Career Pathways within the department of~~  
134 ~~elementary and secondary education;~~

135 ~~(4) Provides student loan counseling; and~~

136 ~~(5) May include parent-student meetings.~~

137 ~~6. Before December 1, 2019, the task force established under~~  
138 ~~subsection 1 of this section shall present its findings and recommendations to~~  
139 ~~the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tempore of the~~  
140 ~~senate, the joint committee on education, and the state board of education.~~  
141 ~~Upon presenting the findings and recommendations as described in this~~  
142 ~~subsection, the task force shall dissolve.]~~

~~[170.012. 1. Any graduate student who did not receive both his primary and secondary education in a nation or territory in which English is the primary language shall not be given a teaching appointment during his or her first semester of enrollment at any public institution of higher education in the state of Missouri. Exceptions may be granted in special cases upon approval of the chief academic and executive officers of the institution.~~

~~2. All graduate students who did not receive both their primary and secondary education in a nation or territory in which English is the primary language shall be tested for their ability to communicate orally in English in a classroom setting prior to receiving a teaching appointment. Such testing shall be made available by the public institution at no cost to the graduate student.~~

~~3. All graduate students prior to filling a teaching assistant position as a graduate student, who have not previously lived in the United States shall be given a cultural orientation to prepare them for such teaching appointment.~~

~~4. All public institutions of higher education in this state shall provide to the coordinating board for higher education on a biennial basis a report on the number and language background of all teaching assistants, including a copy of the institutions current policy for selection of graduate teaching assistants.~~

~~5. The provisions of this section and sections 174.310 and 175.021 shall not apply to any person employed under a contract of employment in existence prior to August 13, 1986.]~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~[173.095. In recognition of the role of education in modern society and its influence upon whether or not a citizen will beneficially contribute to his state and community by his talents and developed abilities, and in recognition that educational opportunity should not be limited by the financial means of the student, and in further recognition of the public purposes designated by the United States through the Higher Education Act of 1965, P.L. 89-329, as amended, and the National Vocational Student Loan Insurance Act of 1965, P.L. 89-287, the general assembly of the state of Missouri declares that state assistance to postsecondary students will benefit the state economically and culturally and is a public purpose of great importance.]~~

~~[173.100. As used in sections 173.095 to 173.187 the following terms mean:~~

- ~~(1) "Board", the Missouri coordinating board for higher education;~~
- ~~(2) "Borrower", any person who has become legally obligated to repay a loan made under the student loan program or that person's guardian, trustee, estate, or other person legally responsible for defending against or satisfying borrower's obligations under the student loan program;~~
- ~~(3) "Department", the Missouri department of higher education and workforce development;~~
- ~~(4) "Earnings", compensation paid or payable for personal services, whether denominated wages, salary, commission, bonus, or otherwise;~~

12           (5) ~~"Eligible borrower", any person attending or the parent of a~~  
13 ~~dependent attending an eligible institution;~~

14           (6) ~~"Eligible institution", any institution of postsecondary education,~~  
15 ~~including a university, college, vocational and technical school, and other~~  
16 ~~postsecondary institution, which has been approved for purposes of~~  
17 ~~participation in the Missouri student loan program by the department and~~  
18 ~~the United States Secretary of Education;~~

19           (7) ~~"Eligible lender", any bank, savings and loan association, credit~~  
20 ~~union, insurance company, pension fund, eligible educational institution~~  
21 ~~lender, or the department, or the federal Student Loan Marketing Association~~  
22 ~~or other secondary market operation;~~

23           (8) ~~"Employer", any person, partnership, association, corporation,~~  
24 ~~institution, governmental body, unit or agency, school district or municipal~~  
25 ~~corporation, or any other entity employing one or more persons for a salary,~~  
26 ~~wage, commission or other compensation, or any self employed borrower;~~

27           (9) ~~"Fund", the state guaranty student loan fund;~~

28           (10) ~~"LLR fund", the lender of last resort revolving fund established in~~  
29 ~~section 173.187;~~

30           (11) ~~"Program", the Missouri guaranteed student loan program.]~~

2           ~~[173.105. 1. The board shall determine the basic policies for the loan~~  
3 ~~program and shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to establish the~~  
4 ~~loan program and to carry out the purposes of sections 173.095 to 173.180.~~  
5 ~~The basic policies of the board and all rules and regulations promulgated~~  
6 ~~pursuant to sections 173.095 to 173.180 shall be designed to encourage~~  
7 ~~maximum involvement and participation by lenders and financial institutions~~  
8 ~~in the student loan program. Lenders and financial institutions shall be~~  
9 ~~encouraged by institutions of higher education to maximize the number of~~  
10 ~~loans available to students. It shall be the responsibility of the coordinating~~  
11 ~~board for higher education to establish guidelines and criteria for institutions~~  
12 ~~of higher education for usage in maximizing the availability of student loans.~~  
13 ~~The department shall be the administrative agency for the implementation of~~  
14 ~~the program, and may employ such personnel as is necessary, in excess of the~~  
15 ~~number provided in subsection 2 of section 6 of the omnibus state~~  
16 ~~reorganization act of 1974, to administer the provisions of sections 173.095~~  
17 ~~to 173.230.~~

18           ~~2. All reports relating to the program which are now or may hereafter~~  
19 ~~be required by the federal government shall also be submitted to the director of~~  
20 ~~the office of administration and to the senate and house appropriations~~  
~~committees.]~~

2           ~~[173.110. 1. The department is authorized to issue certificates of~~  
3 ~~guarantee covering student loans by eligible lenders which meet the~~  
4 ~~requirements of sections 173.095 to 173.180 and the regulations of the~~  
5 ~~board adopted hereunder to eligible borrowers, and to pay from the fund to an~~  
6 ~~eligible lender the amount established by federal law in the event the student~~  
7 ~~defaults. Upon payment of the loss the department shall be subrogated to all~~  
~~the rights of the eligible lender.~~

8           2. The department shall charge for each guaranteed loan a special loan  
9 ~~insurance premium established by federal law which shall be paid to the~~  
10 ~~department by the borrower. Amounts so received shall be used by the~~  
11 ~~department to pay the costs of administering the program and to guarantee~~  
12 ~~student loans.~~

13           3. The department is authorized to originate loans, including lender of  
14 ~~last resort loans. All moneys to originate loans, including lender of last resort~~  
15 ~~loans, shall be paid from a fund established for that purpose, including the~~  
16 ~~lender of last resort revolving fund created under section 173.187.~~

17           4. The total outstanding guaranteed loans shall at no time exceed an  
18 ~~amount which, according to sound actuarial judgment as determined by the~~  
19 ~~state auditor, can be guaranteed by the fund.]~~

2           [173.115. 1. After the department has paid a loss on a defaulted loan  
3 ~~and has entered a statement of claim in which it determines and sets forth the~~  
4 ~~existence, nature and amount of the money due it by the defaulting borrower~~  
5 ~~and a proposed payment schedule, the department may issue an order directing~~  
6 ~~any employer of the borrower to withhold or pay over to the department~~  
7 ~~money due or to become due to the department.~~

8           2. Before issuing the order as provided in subsection 1 of this section,  
9 ~~the department shall serve on the borrower the statement of claim and shall~~  
10 ~~inform the borrower that the department intends to initiate proceedings to~~  
11 ~~collect the debt through deductions from earnings. The department shall also~~  
12 ~~provide a copy of this section or an explanation of the borrower's rights under~~  
13 ~~this section.~~

14           3. The department shall provide the borrower with an opportunity to  
15 ~~inspect and copy records related to the defaulted loans.~~

16           4. The department shall provide the borrower with the opportunity to  
17 ~~enter into a written agreement with the department under terms agreeable to~~  
18 ~~the department to establish a schedule for the repayment of the debt.~~

19           5. The department shall provide the borrower with the opportunity to  
20 ~~have a hearing before an impartial hearing officer appointed by the department~~  
21 ~~but who is not under the control or supervision of the board or department.~~  
22 ~~The procedures for the hearing shall be the same as those for contested cases~~  
23 ~~under chapter 536. Upon the borrower's filing of a request for a hearing in~~  
24 ~~compliance with the rules of the board, the department shall stay the~~  
25 ~~commencement of collection proceedings for the debt described in the~~  
26 ~~statement of claim until the department issues an order provided for in~~  
27 ~~subsection 6, 7, or 8, of this section.~~

28           6. At the earliest practicable date but not later than sixty days after the  
29 ~~filing of the request for the hearing, the hearing officer shall file with the~~  
30 ~~department his written decision which states specifically his findings in regard~~  
31 ~~to those matters set forth in the department's statement of claim. The hearing~~  
32 ~~officer shall also determine and include in his decision the terms of the~~  
33 ~~repayment schedule which shall be the same as that set forth by the department~~  
34 ~~in its statement of claim unless he finds no good cause to enter that schedule.~~  
~~Upon receipt of the hearing officer's decision, the department shall issue an~~



order to pay debt which adopts the findings in the decision as to the existence, nature and amount of the debt and as to the repayment schedule.

7. When a borrower properly requests a hearing under the board's rules and when the hearing officer does not issue a decision within sixty days of the department's having received the request for the hearing, the department shall issue an order withdrawing the statement of claim and serve it upon the borrower with a copy of this subsection. After such an order is entered, the department shall not use the provisions of this section in regard to the loans set forth in the statement of claim, but may use any other remedy provided by law to recover the moneys owed the department. The order issued by the department shall not have the effect of precluding any other administrative or judicial tribunal from deciding any claim brought by the department or other party against the borrower or from deciding any factual or legal issue relevant to such claim.

8. When a borrower does not make a proper timely request for a hearing, the department may issue and serve on the borrower an order to pay debt which contains as its provisions the content of the statement of claim including the proposed repayment schedule.

9. The borrower may seek judicial review of any order to pay debt under sections 536.100 to 536.140.

10. Upon issuing an order to pay debt, but not less than thirty days after the statement of claim was served on the borrower, the department may issue an order to withhold earnings which directs any employer of the borrower to withhold and pay over to the department money due or to become due the borrower. The employer shall withhold from the earnings the amount specified in the order, except that the total amount withheld shall not exceed ten percent of the borrower's earnings after deduction from those earnings of any amount required by law to be withheld. When the borrower voluntarily makes a written request that money due or to become due him be withheld or applied to the debt or that more than the ten percent maximum be withheld from his earnings, the employer shall comply with that request as if so ordered by the department.

11. Subject to the provisions of section 454.505, an order to withhold earnings shall have the same force and effect in regard to the employer as any other garnishment.

12. No employer or other payor who complies with an order to withhold earnings shall be liable to the borrower, or to any other person claiming rights derived from the borrower, for wrongful withholding. An employer who fails or refuses to withhold or pay the amounts as ordered under this section shall be liable to the department in an amount equal to the amount which became due the department during the relevant period and which, under the order, should have been withheld and paid over.

13. An employer shall not discharge, refuse to hire or otherwise discipline an employee as a result of an order to withhold and pay over certain money authorized by this section. Any employer who does so is guilty of an infraction.

14. Service on the borrower or on the employer pursuant to this section or pursuant to rules promulgated under this section may be made on the

83 borrower or employer, respectively or on other party in the manner provided  
84 for service of process in a civil action by a duly authorized process server  
85 appointed by the department, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to  
86 the borrower's last known address or to the employer's address. The  
87 department may appoint any disinterested party, including, but not necessarily  
88 limited to, employees of the department, to serve such process. For purposes  
89 of this section, a borrower or an employer who does not accept receipt of  
90 service by certified mail or a borrower who has not provided the department  
91 his new or correct address is deemed to have been served as of the date on  
92 which the certified mail is mailed.

93 15. The board may promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of this  
94 section, including, but not limited to, rules pertaining to proceedings before the  
95 hearing officer and before the department and rules pertaining to procedures to  
96 be followed by employers to comply with the order to withhold and pay over  
97 earnings.]

2 [173.125. As a condition of receiving state funds, every public  
3 institution of higher education shall agree to submit to binding dispute  
4 resolution with regard to disputes among public institutions of higher  
5 education that involve jurisdictional boundaries or the use or expenditure of  
6 any state resources whatsoever, as determined by the coordinating board. In  
7 all cases, the arbitrator shall be the commissioner of higher education or his or  
8 her designee, whose decision shall be binding on all parties. Any institution  
9 aggrieved by a decision of the commissioner may appeal such decision, in  
10 which instance the case shall be reviewed by the full coordinating board, at  
11 which time the full coordinating board shall have the authority to make a  
binding and final decision, by means of a majority vote, regarding the matter.]

2 [173.130. Moneys in the fund, both unobligated and obligated as a  
3 reserve, which in the judgment of the board are not currently needed for the  
4 payment of defaults of guaranteed loans, may be invested by the state  
5 treasurer, and any income therefrom shall be deposited to the credit of the  
fund.]

2 [173.141. The board may:  
3 (1) Enter into agreements with and receive grants from the United  
4 States government in connection with federal programs of assistance to  
5 students of postsecondary education;  
6 (2) Contract with public agencies or private persons or organizations  
7 for the purpose of carrying out the administrative functions imposed upon it by  
8 sections 173.095 to 173.180;  
9 (3) Call upon agencies of the state which have actuarial or financial  
10 expertise for consultation and advice, and upon any agency of the state for  
assistance in the location of delinquent borrowers.]

2 [173.150. The board, by rules and regulations, shall determine the  
3 policy of collections and recovery of loans, including the use of private  
collection agencies or assigning loans to the United States Secretary of

4 Education. Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the board the department  
5 ~~may institute action to recover any amount due the program in any loan~~  
6 ~~transaction, use private collection agencies, or otherwise carry out the policy~~  
7 ~~set by the board.]~~

2 ~~[173.160. The board shall adopt and promulgate regulations~~  
3 ~~establishing standards for determining eligible institutions, eligible lenders,~~  
4 ~~and eligible borrowers under sections 173.095 to 173.180. These standards~~  
5 ~~shall include, but are not limited to, the following:~~

6 (1) ~~The student's enrollment in an eligible institution, where his good~~  
7 ~~standing and workload meet the criteria of the institution;~~

8 (2) ~~The total guaranteed loans made to a student for one academic~~  
9 ~~year;~~

10 (3) ~~The aggregate insured unpaid principal of all guaranteed loans~~  
11 ~~made to any student;~~

12 (4) ~~The loans received by the student other than those guaranteed~~  
13 ~~under the provisions of sections 173.095 to 173.180;~~

14 (5) ~~The need of the student for the loan;~~

15 (6) ~~The proportion of guaranteed outstanding student loans in default~~  
16 ~~or potential default status from individual institutions or lenders;~~

17 (7) ~~The percentage of the enrolled students at an institution who have~~  
18 ~~guaranteed student loans and then withdraw; and~~

19 (8) ~~The proportion of students at an institution having received~~  
20 ~~guaranteed loans.]~~

21 ~~[173.170. 1. The board shall adopt regulations establishing standards~~  
22 ~~for determining eligibility of loan agreements to be guaranteed under the~~  
23 ~~provisions of sections 173.095 to 173.180. The regulations shall provide for,~~  
24 ~~but shall not be limited to, the following:~~

25 (1) ~~The requirement or nonrequirement of security or endorsement;~~

26 (2) ~~The manner and time of repayment of the principal and interest;~~

27 (3) ~~The maximum rate of interest;~~

28 (4) ~~The right of the borrower to accelerate payments without penalty;~~

29 (5) ~~The amount of the guarantee charge;~~

30 (6) ~~The effective period of the guarantee;~~

31 (7) ~~The percent of the loan covered by the guarantee;~~

32 (8) ~~The assignability of loans by the lender;~~

33 (9) ~~Procedures in the event of default by the borrower;~~

34 (10) ~~The due diligence effort on the part of lenders for collection of~~  
35 ~~guaranteed loans;~~

36 (11) ~~Collection assistance and supplemental preclaims assistance to be~~  
37 ~~provided to lenders; and~~

38 (12) ~~The extension of the guarantee in consideration of eligible~~  
39 ~~deferments or forbearances.~~

40 2. ~~The eligibility of any person for a student loan under the provisions~~  
41 ~~of sections 173.095 to 173.180 shall not be determined or otherwise affected~~  
42 ~~by any considerations of that person's race, religion, sex, creed, color, location~~  
43 ~~of residence, or choice of eligible institution.]~~

2       ~~[173.180. The regulations of the board for the program shall be filed~~  
3       ~~with the secretary of state as provided by statute before they shall become~~  
      ~~effective.]~~

2       ~~[173.186. Independent or private guarantors of student loans of~~  
3       ~~Missouri residents attending Missouri postsecondary educational institutions~~  
4       ~~shall be subject to the following provisions in order to be eligible to guaranty~~  
      ~~such loans:~~

5               ~~(1) No such loan shall be guaranteed for attendance at a~~  
6               ~~correspondence school, at a school which has been suspended or terminated~~  
7               ~~from eligibility for the Missouri guaranteed student loan program by the~~  
8               ~~Missouri guaranty agency, at a school which is not designated as an eligible~~  
9               ~~institution for the Missouri guaranteed student loan program by the Missouri~~  
10              ~~guaranty agency or at a school which has been designated as an eligible~~  
11              ~~institution but does not participate;~~

12              ~~(2) Each such guarantor of student loans shall file an annual report by~~  
13              ~~each August fifteenth with the Missouri coordinating board for higher~~  
14              ~~education giving, for the immediately preceding period of July first through~~  
15              ~~June thirtieth and for each month therein and for each Missouri postsecondary~~  
16              ~~institution attended by Missouri residents for which loans were guaranteed, the~~  
17              ~~total number of loans guaranteed and the total dollar amount of such loans;~~

18              ~~(3) The coordinating board for higher education shall develop and~~  
19              ~~promulgate rules pursuant to and shall administer the provisions of these~~  
20              ~~requirements. The coordinating board shall take reasonable action to identify~~  
21              ~~and notify affected guaranty agencies, lenders and postsecondary educational~~  
22              ~~institutions.]~~

2       ~~[173.187. 1. The "Lender of Last Resort Revolving Fund" is hereby~~  
3       ~~established in the state treasury and shall consist of funds received from the~~  
4       ~~United States Secretary of Education, charges, gifts, grants, and bequests from~~  
5       ~~federal, private or other sources made for the purpose of assisting students in~~  
6       ~~financing their education. No portion of the fund shall be transferred to the~~  
7       ~~general revenue fund.~~

~~2. The fund shall be administered by the program.]~~

2       ~~[173.236. 1. As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires~~  
3       ~~otherwise, the following terms mean:~~

4               ~~(1) "Board", the coordinating board for higher education;~~

5               ~~(2) "Grant", the Vietnam veteran's survivors grant as established in this~~  
6               ~~section;~~

7               ~~(3) "Institution of postsecondary education", any approved public or~~  
8               ~~private institution as defined in section 173.205;~~

9               ~~(4) "Survivor", a child or spouse of a Vietnam veteran as defined in~~  
10              ~~this section;~~

11              ~~(5) "Tuition", any tuition or incidental fee or both charged by an~~  
12              ~~institution of postsecondary education, as defined in this section, for~~  
            ~~attendance at the institution by a student as a resident of this state;~~

13           (6) ~~"Vietnam veteran", a person who served in the military in Vietnam~~  
14 ~~or the war zone in Southeast Asia and to whom the following criteria shall~~  
15 ~~apply:~~

16           ~~(a) The veteran was a Missouri resident when first entering the~~  
17 ~~military service and at the time of death;~~

18           ~~(b) The veteran's death was attributable to illness that could possibly~~  
19 ~~be a result of exposure to toxic chemicals during the Vietnam Conflict; and~~

20           ~~(c) The veteran served in the Vietnam theater between 1961 and 1972.~~

21           ~~2. Within the limits of the amounts appropriated therefor, the~~  
22 ~~coordinating board for higher education shall award annually up to twelve~~  
23 ~~grants to survivors of Vietnam veterans to attend institutions of postsecondary~~  
24 ~~education in this state. If the waiting list of eligible survivors exceeds fifty, the~~  
25 ~~coordinating board may petition the general assembly to expand the quota. If~~  
26 ~~the quota is not expanded the eligibility of survivors on the waiting list shall be~~  
27 ~~extended.~~

28           ~~3. A survivor may receive a grant pursuant to this section only so long~~  
29 ~~as the survivor is enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, or an associate~~  
30 ~~or baccalaureate degree. In no event shall a survivor receive a grant beyond~~  
31 ~~the completion of the first baccalaureate degree, regardless of age. No~~  
32 ~~survivor shall receive more than one hundred percent of tuition when~~  
33 ~~combined with similar funds made available to such survivor.~~

34           ~~4. The coordinating board for higher education shall:~~

35           ~~(1) Promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the~~  
36 ~~implementation of this section;~~

37           ~~(2) Determine minimum standards of performance in order for a~~  
38 ~~survivor to remain eligible to receive a grant under this program;~~

39           ~~(3) Make available on behalf of a survivor an amount toward the~~  
40 ~~survivor's tuition which is equal to the grant to which the survivor is entitled~~  
41 ~~under the provisions of this section;~~

42           ~~(4) Provide the forms and determine the procedures necessary for a~~  
43 ~~survivor to apply for and receive a grant under this program.~~

44           ~~5. In order to be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this section, a~~  
45 ~~survivor shall be certified as eligible by a Missouri state veterans service~~  
46 ~~officer. Such certification shall be made upon qualified medical certification~~  
47 ~~by a Veterans Administration medical authority that exposure to toxic~~  
48 ~~chemicals contributed to or was the cause of death of the veteran, as defined in~~  
49 ~~subsection 1 of this section.~~

50           ~~6. A survivor who is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment as~~  
51 ~~an undergraduate postsecondary student at an approved institution of~~  
52 ~~postsecondary education shall receive a grant in an amount not to exceed~~  
53 ~~the least of the following:~~

54           ~~(1) The actual tuition, as defined in this section, charged at an~~  
55 ~~approved institution where the child is enrolled or accepted for enrollment; or~~

56           ~~(2) The average amount of tuition charged a Missouri resident at the~~  
57 ~~institutions identified in section 174.020 for attendance as a full-time student,~~  
58 ~~as defined in section 173.205.~~

59           ~~7. A survivor who is a recipient of a grant may transfer from one~~  
60 ~~approved public or private institution of postsecondary education to another~~

61 without losing his entitlement under this section. The board shall make  
62 necessary adjustments in the amount of the grant. If a grant recipient at any  
63 time withdraws from the institution of postsecondary education so that under  
64 the rules and regulations of that institution he is entitled to a refund of any  
65 tuition, fees, or other charges, the institution shall pay the portion of the refund  
66 to which he is entitled attributable to the grant for that semester or similar  
67 grading period to the board.

68 8. If a survivor is granted financial assistance under any other student  
69 aid program, public or private, the full amount of such aid shall be reported to  
70 the board by the institution and the eligible survivor.

71 9. Nothing in this section shall be construed as a promise or guarantee  
72 that a person will be admitted to an institution of postsecondary education or to  
73 a particular institution of postsecondary education, will be allowed to continue  
74 to attend an institution of postsecondary education after having been admitted,  
75 or will be graduated from an institution of postsecondary education.

76 10. The benefits conferred by this section shall be available to any  
77 academically qualified surviving children and spouses of Vietnam veterans as  
78 defined in subsection 1 of this section, regardless of the survivor's age, until  
79 December 31, 1995. After December 31, 1995, the benefits conferred by this  
80 section shall not be available to such persons who are twenty-five years of age  
81 or older, except spouses will remain eligible until the fifth anniversary after the  
82 death of the veteran.

83 11. This section shall expire on December 31, 2015.]

2 [173.262. 1. There is hereby established the "Marguerite Ross Barnett  
3 Competitiveness Scholarship Program", and any moneys appropriated by the  
4 general assembly for this program shall be used to provide scholarships for  
5 Missouri citizens to attend a Missouri college or university of their choice  
6 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

7 2. The definitions of terms set forth in section 173.205 shall be  
8 applicable to such terms as used in this section. The term "competitiveness  
9 scholarship" means an amount of money paid by the state of Missouri to a  
10 qualified college or university student pursuant to the provisions of this  
11 section.

12 3. The coordinating board for higher education shall be the  
13 administrative agency for the implementation of the program established by  
14 this section, and shall:

15 (1) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the exercise of its  
16 functions and the effectuation of the purposes of this section;

17 (2) Prescribe the form and the time and method of awarding  
18 competitiveness scholarships, and shall supervise the processing thereof; and

19 (3) Select qualified recipients to receive competitiveness scholarships,  
20 make such awards of competitiveness scholarships to qualified recipients and  
21 determine the manner and method of payment to the recipient.

22 4. A student shall be eligible for initial or renewed competitiveness  
23 scholarship if, at the time of his application and throughout the period during  
24 which he is receiving such assistance, he is a part-time student who:

(1) Is eighteen years of age or older;

- 25                   (2) ~~Is employed twenty hours or more per week;~~  
26                   (3) ~~Is a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States;~~  
27                   (4) ~~Is a resident of the state of Missouri, as determined by reference to~~  
28 ~~standards promulgated pursuant to section 173.140;~~  
29                   (5) ~~Is enrolled, or has been accepted for enrollment, as a part time~~  
30 ~~undergraduate student in an approved private or public institution; and~~  
31                   (6) ~~Establishes financial need.~~  
32                   5. ~~A recipient of competitiveness scholarship awarded under the~~  
33 ~~provisions of this section may transfer from one approved Missouri public or~~  
34 ~~private institution to another without losing eligibility for the scholarship. If a~~  
35 ~~recipient of the scholarship at any time withdraws from an approved private or~~  
36 ~~public institution so that under the rules and regulations of that institution he is~~  
37 ~~entitled to a refund of any tuition, fees or other charges, the institution shall~~  
38 ~~pay the portion of the refund attributable to the scholarship for that term to the~~  
39 ~~coordinating board for higher education.]~~

2                   ~~[173.264. There is hereby established as a pilot project the~~  
3 ~~"International Economic Development Exchange Program". The department~~  
4 ~~of economic development, with the advice of the advisory committee~~  
5 ~~established in section 173.265, shall administer the program, except that the~~  
6 ~~department shall administer the program without additional staff or salary for~~  
7 ~~such program. The program shall be established to encourage international~~  
8 ~~exchanges at industrial and commercial business enterprises for students~~  
9 ~~enrolled in institutions of higher education. Full-time students who attend~~  
10 ~~institutions of higher education in this state shall be eligible for financial~~  
11 ~~assistance to attend the student internship exchange portion of the program in~~  
12 ~~eligible countries other than the United States. Priority shall be given to~~  
13 ~~business internship exchange programs of public and private institutions of~~  
14 ~~higher education in this state, where such programs have been in existence for~~  
15 ~~at least ten successive years prior to December 23, 1997. The program shall~~  
16 ~~include an inventory of the number of students involved in such programs,~~  
17 ~~which shall be maintained by the advisory committee. The program shall also~~  
18 ~~include the development of methods for fostering international trade through~~  
19 ~~exchange programs and through business and entrepreneurial training~~  
20 ~~programs. The program may include the provision of scholarships and~~  
21 ~~other financial assistance in cooperation with the federal government, public~~  
22 ~~and private institutions of higher education, and businesses, to enable students~~  
23 ~~and business people from eligible countries to study and attend training~~  
~~programs in the United States.]~~

2                   ~~[173.265. 1. There is hereby created an "International Economic~~  
3 ~~Development Exchange Program Advisory Committee", which shall consist of~~  
4 ~~five members, to be appointed by the director of the department of economic~~  
5 ~~development. The committee shall include two persons associated with~~  
6 ~~institutions of higher education in this state and one resident business person~~  
7 ~~who deals with international business. Of the five members, all shall be~~  
8 ~~residents of the state, at least one member shall be a resident of one of the two~~  
~~largest metropolitan areas of this state, and at least one member shall not be a~~

9 resident of one of the two largest metropolitan areas of this state. The  
10 members shall serve three year terms. The committee shall meet only in  
11 Jefferson City. The committee shall review the administration of the  
12 international economic development exchange program by the department of  
13 economic development. The director of the department of economic  
14 development shall make an annual report of the program's activities to the  
15 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro tem  
16 of the senate. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation  
17 but may be reimbursed for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in the  
18 performance of their official duties.

19 2. The program may receive grants, loans and other funding from the  
20 federal government and from private sources. In addition, the general  
21 assembly may appropriate up to one hundred thousand dollars in each fiscal  
22 year for the program; however, such appropriation shall not exceed an amount  
23 equal to the amounts contributed to the program from nongovernmental  
24 sources.]

2 [173.475. Notwithstanding any provision of law or policy of a public  
3 institution of higher education to the contrary, no public college or university,  
4 as defined in section 173.355, shall reject an applicant for a faculty position  
5 based solely on the applicant having not earned a graduate degree, provided  
6 that the applicant has earned an undergraduate baccalaureate degree and has  
served for at least eight years in the general assembly.]

2 [173.775. 1. Sections 173.775 to 173.796 shall be known as the  
3 "Advantage Missouri Program". This program shall provide loans to and  
4 establish a loan forgiveness program for students in approved educational  
5 programs who become employed in occupational areas of high demand in this  
6 state.

7 2. The "Advantage Missouri Trust Fund" is hereby created in the state  
8 treasury, to be used by the coordinating board for higher education to provide  
9 loans pursuant to sections 173.775 to 173.796. All appropriations, private  
10 donations, and other funds provided to the board for this program shall be  
11 credited to the fund. All funds generated by loan repayments and any penalties  
12 received pursuant to sections 173.787 and 173.790, shall also be credited to the  
13 fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any  
unexpended balance in the fund shall not revert to the general revenue fund.]

2 [173.778. As used in sections 173.775 to 173.796, the following terms  
mean:

- 3 (1) "Board", the coordinating board for higher education;  
4 (2) "Eligible institution", any approved public or private institution of  
5 postsecondary education, as defined in section 173.205 or any other Missouri  
6 private institution that:  
7 (a) Is required by statute to be certified to operate by the board;  
8 (b) Is institutionally accredited by a United States Department of  
9 Education recognized accrediting commission;



- 10                   (c) ~~Has operated continuously in the state of Missouri for five or more~~  
11 ~~years;~~  
12                   (d) ~~Has no more than fifty percent of its students in correspondence~~  
13 ~~programs;~~  
14                   (e) ~~Offers a one year or two year certificate, associate or baccalaureate~~  
15 ~~degree programs, or graduate or professional degree programs; and~~  
16                   (f) ~~Is approved for participation in the advantage Missouri program by~~  
17 ~~the board;~~  
18                   (3) ~~"Eligible student", an individual who is enrolled full time in an~~  
19 ~~eligible institution, unless the board approves less than full time enrollment,~~  
20 ~~who meets the eligibility requirements pursuant to subsection 1 of section~~  
21 ~~173.215 and who meets the following additional requirements:~~  
22                   (a) ~~Has received a high school diploma, general educational~~  
23 ~~development certificate (GED), or its equivalent;~~  
24                   (b) ~~Maintains satisfactory academic progress as determined by the~~  
25 ~~eligible institution such student attends in pursuing a one year or two year~~  
26 ~~certificate, associate or baccalaureate degree, or graduate or professional~~  
27 ~~degree. Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress shall result in~~  
28 ~~ineligibility for continued participation in the program and ineligibility for~~  
29 ~~forgiveness of any loan or loans received;~~  
30                   (c) ~~Is not currently confined in any federal or state correctional facility~~  
31 ~~or jail;~~  
32                   (d) ~~Has not defaulted on the repayment of any previously granted~~  
33 ~~higher education loan; and~~  
34                   (e) ~~Submits an application provided by the board for participation in~~  
35 ~~the program;~~  
36                   (4) ~~"Fund", the advantage Missouri trust fund, established in section~~  
37 ~~173.775; and~~  
38                   (5) ~~"Occupational areas of high demand", specific professions or skill~~  
39 ~~areas for which the board determines that the state is experiencing a shortage~~  
40 ~~of qualified employees;~~  
41                   (6) ~~"Program", the advantage Missouri program established pursuant~~  
42 ~~to sections 173.775 to 173.796.]~~

2                   [173.781. By August 28, 1998, and by June first of each year  
3 thereafter, the board shall designate occupational areas of high demand in the  
4 state. The board shall also designate professions and skill areas directly  
5 related to the areas of high demand, and the degree programs or certifications  
6 directly leading to employment in such areas. In making such designations,  
7 the board shall consult with the department of labor and industrial relations,  
8 the department of economic development, and private sector business and  
9 labor groups. The board shall also consult with other private and public  
10 agencies and individuals with expertise related to labor markets, geographic  
11 and demographic analysis, and solicit input from interested parties throughout  
12 the state, in order to ensure that:  
                  (1) The diverse needs of the state are considered; and

13                   (2) ~~That these designations reflect the broad, long-term economic,~~  
14 ~~educational, and public policy interests of the state in both the public and~~  
15 ~~private sectors.]~~

2                   ~~[173.784. An eligible student may participate in the program for up to~~  
3 ~~ten semesters, or their equivalent, whether consecutive or not, and may be~~  
4 ~~awarded a loan of up to two thousand five hundred dollars per academic year~~  
5 ~~by the board, not to exceed a maximum of ten thousand dollars. No student~~  
6 ~~shall participate in the program more than seven years after beginning such~~  
~~participation.]~~

2                   ~~[173.787. Eligible students who are in compliance with program~~  
3 ~~requirements may qualify for forgiveness of a loan or loans received through~~  
4 ~~the program by agreeing to be employed in an occupational area of high~~  
5 ~~demand within the state of Missouri, as determined by the board, with such~~  
6 ~~employment beginning within one calendar year of graduation by the~~  
7 ~~individual from an eligible institution, and as outlined in the contract~~  
8 ~~pursuant to section 173.790. The employment qualifying the eligible student~~  
9 ~~for loan forgiveness shall be approved by the board. The board shall approve~~  
10 ~~loan forgiveness on a year-for-year basis, with each year of approved~~  
11 ~~employment qualifying the student for the forgiveness of one year's loans.~~  
12 ~~Students electing not to comply with these employment requirements, or~~  
13 ~~students failing to meet these requirements shall be required to repay with~~  
14 ~~interest any or all loans received, pursuant to the contractual provisions~~  
~~described in section 173.790.]~~

2                   ~~[173.790. 1. The board shall enter into a contract with each individual~~  
3 ~~qualifying for participation in the program at the time the individual declares a~~  
4 ~~major or decides on a course of study, if a major is not declared at the~~  
5 ~~institution at which the individual is enrolled. The written contract shall~~  
6 ~~contain, but not be limited to, the following:~~

7                   ~~(1) The terms and conditions under which the loan is made, and the~~  
8 ~~requirements for repayment of the loan by the student;~~

9                   ~~(2) A stipulation that, the provisions of section 143.811 to the contrary~~  
10 ~~notwithstanding, no interest shall be assessed on any loan provided through the~~  
11 ~~program while the student is enrolled full time, or enrolled part time with the~~  
12 ~~approval of the board, and meets the eligibility requirements pursuant to~~  
13 ~~section 173.778;~~

14                   ~~(3) The terms and conditions for qualifying for forgiveness of loan~~  
15 ~~proceeds received through the program;~~

16                   ~~(4) A provision that any financial obligations arising out of a contract~~  
17 ~~entered into, and any obligations of the individual which are conditioned~~  
18 ~~thereon, are contingent upon funds being appropriated to the fund and on the~~  
19 ~~availability of a targeted high demand job; and~~

20                   ~~(5) The amount of any penalties assessed, in the event repayment of~~  
21 ~~the loan by the student is not made in accordance with the contract, or the~~  
22 ~~student fails to maintain eligibility or other requirements of the program. All~~  
~~such penalties shall be deposited in the fund.~~

23           2. ~~Sections 173.775 to 173.796 shall not be construed to require the~~  
24 ~~board to enter into contracts with individuals who otherwise qualify for the~~  
25 ~~program when funds are not available for such purpose.]~~

2           ~~[173.793. Nothing in sections 173.775 to 173.796 shall be construed~~  
3 ~~as a promise or guarantee by the coordinating board for higher education, or~~  
4 ~~the state of Missouri that a person will be admitted to a state institution of~~  
5 ~~higher education or to a particular state institution of higher education, will be~~  
6 ~~allowed to continue to attend an institution of higher education after having~~  
~~been admitted, or will be graduated from an institution of higher education.]~~

2           ~~[173.796. 1. As used in this section, the term "taxpayer" means an~~  
3 ~~individual, a partnership, or a corporation as described in section 143.441 or~~  
4 ~~143.471, and includes any charitable organization which is exempt from~~  
5 ~~federal income tax and whose Missouri unrelated business taxable income, if~~  
6 ~~any, would be subject to the state income tax imposed under chapter 143.~~

7           ~~2. Any taxpayer may make a contribution to the fund. Within the limits~~  
8 ~~specified in subsection 3 of this section, a taxpayer shall be allowed a credit~~  
9 ~~against the taxes imposed pursuant to chapter 143, except for sections 143.191~~  
10 ~~to 143.265, on that individual or entity of up to fifty percent of the total~~  
11 ~~amount contributed to the fund, not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars~~  
12 ~~per taxpayer.~~

13           ~~3. The department of revenue shall administer the tax credits pursuant~~  
14 ~~to this section, and shall certify eligibility for the tax credits in the order~~  
15 ~~applications are received. The total amount of tax credits certified in any one~~  
16 ~~calendar year shall not exceed five million dollars annually. Contributions of~~  
17 ~~up to one hundred thousand dollars per annum per taxpayer may be certified~~  
18 ~~by the department of revenue as a qualified contribution for purposes of~~  
19 ~~receiving a tax credit under this program.~~

20           ~~4. If the amount of tax credit exceeds the total tax liability for the year~~  
21 ~~in which the tax credit is claimed, the amount that exceeds the state tax~~  
22 ~~liability may be carried forward for credit against the taxes imposed pursuant~~  
23 ~~to chapter 143, except for sections 143.191 to 143.265, for the succeeding ten~~  
24 ~~years, or until the full credit is used, whichever occurs first.~~

25           ~~5. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, no tax~~  
26 ~~credits shall be authorized, awarded, or issued to any person or entity claiming~~  
27 ~~any tax credit under this section.~~

28           ~~6. The provisions of this section shall become effective January 1,~~  
~~1999.]~~

2           ~~[620.552. Sections 620.552 to 620.574 shall be known and may be~~  
~~cited as the "Missouri Youth Service and Conservation Corps Act".]~~

2           ~~[620.554. There is hereby established a "Missouri Youth Service and~~  
3 ~~Conservation Corps" which shall provide educational remediation,~~  
4 ~~employability skills training, and meaningful work experience necessary to~~  
5 ~~better prepare the state's youths for meeting basic work requirements and their~~  
~~civic responsibility, while offering them opportunities to explore careers, gain~~

6 needed work experience and contribute to the general welfare of their  
7 communities and the state.]

2 [620.556. As used in sections 620.552 to 620.574 the following terms  
mean:

3 (1) ~~"Corps" and "youth corps", the Missouri youth service and~~  
4 ~~conservation corps;~~

5 (2) ~~"Division", the division of workforce development within the~~  
6 ~~department of economic development;~~

7 (3) ~~"Local workforce investment boards", the local workforce~~  
8 ~~investment boards established under Section 117 of the Workforce~~  
9 ~~Investment Act, Public Law 105 220, as amended, or any other succeeding~~  
10 ~~administrative body established by subsequent federal legislation to provide~~  
11 ~~for the local administration and expenditure of funding for employment and~~  
12 ~~job training and approved by the division of workforce development;~~

13 (4) ~~"Participant", a person who has been hired, or who has been~~  
14 ~~accepted as a volunteer, and who meets the program eligibility criteria~~  
15 ~~established by sections 620.552 to 620.574;~~

16 (5) ~~"Project", an undertaking designed to provide or assist in providing~~  
17 ~~services to promote conservation, public health, education and welfare among~~  
18 ~~the general population. The term includes, but is not limited to:~~

19 (a) ~~The rehabilitation of substandard housing;~~

20 (b) ~~The repair, restoration and maintenance of public facilities and~~  
21 ~~amenities;~~

22 (c) ~~Assistance with the organization and delivery of educational and~~  
23 ~~health services;~~

24 (d) ~~Assistance for the elderly homebound;~~

25 (e) ~~Delivery of food to the hungry and elderly;~~

26 (f) ~~Restoration or development of park facilities;~~

27 (g) ~~Trail construction and maintenance;~~

28 (h) ~~Litter control;~~

29 (i) ~~Land and soil conservation and rehabilitation;~~

30 (j) ~~Road repair;~~

31 (k) ~~Land reclamation;~~

32 (l) ~~Reforestation; and~~

33 (m) ~~Other undertakings which benefit the control, management,~~  
34 ~~restoration and conservation of the bird, fish, game, forestry, or wildlife~~  
35 ~~resources, and soil or water resources of this state;~~

36 (6) ~~"Project sponsor", state agencies, including the departments of~~  
37 ~~elementary and secondary education, social services, labor and industrial~~  
38 ~~relations, conservation, and natural resources and the University of Missouri~~  
39 ~~extension system; any unit of local government, including school districts;~~  
40 ~~private not-for-profit corporations or organizations; administrative entities~~  
41 ~~designated pursuant to the requirements of the Workforce Investment Act and~~  
42 ~~any subsequent amendments; and community-based organizations.]~~

2 [620.558. 1. The Missouri youth service and conservation corps shall  
consist of the following programs:

- 3           (1) ~~A year-round community services and conservation program for~~  
4 ~~young adults;~~  
5           (2) ~~A summer employment program;~~  
6           (3) ~~A volunteer program for youths.~~  
7           2. ~~In selecting participants for the youth service and conservation~~  
8 ~~corps, the director of the division shall give preference to persons who are high~~  
9 ~~school dropouts and who are at risk of not graduating from high school. The~~  
10 ~~director may segregate programs and funds to serve such persons to enhance~~  
11 ~~the efficiency of administering any federal Workforce Investment Act funds~~  
12 ~~which are available to the youth service and conservation corps.~~  
13           3. ~~Residents of both urban and rural areas of the state shall be eligible~~  
14 ~~to apply to participate in the youth service and conservation corps. No person~~  
15 ~~who has been convicted of a felony within the previous two years shall be~~  
16 ~~eligible to participate in the youth service and conservation corps. Participants~~  
17 ~~shall be unemployed at the time of their enrollment.]~~

2           ~~[620.560. 1. The community services and conservation program for~~  
3 ~~young adults shall consist of projects offering participants paid work~~  
4 ~~experience integrated with educational activities which may include, but is~~  
5 ~~not limited to, employability skills training and educational remediation~~  
6 ~~activities.~~  
7           2. ~~Participants who are high school dropouts shall work toward the~~  
8 ~~completion of their graduate equivalency diploma and shall be excused from~~  
9 ~~work according to a planned work schedule proposed by the project sponsor~~  
10 ~~and approved by the division of workforce development in its review of a~~  
11 ~~project application, to allow them to attend classes or gain instruction. The~~  
12 ~~division of workforce development shall work with the department of~~  
13 ~~elementary and secondary education to establish criteria for determining~~  
14 ~~participants who may be at risk of not earning a high school diploma.~~  
15 ~~Participants who meet these criteria shall be required to attend remediation~~  
16 ~~classes designed to assist in the retention and successful completion of high~~  
17 ~~school according to a planned work schedule proposed by the project sponsor~~  
18 ~~and approved by the division in its review of a project application. All~~  
19 ~~participants shall be paid a wage according to a work plan approved by the~~  
20 ~~division, and commensurate with the number of hours worked by the~~  
21 ~~participant. During the last three weeks of employment, all participants may~~  
22 ~~be granted eight hours of paid time each week to search for permanent~~  
~~employment.]~~

2           ~~[620.562. 1. The summer employment program shall consist of~~  
3 ~~projects offering needed paid work experience integrated with educational~~  
4 ~~activities which may include, but is not limited to, employability skills training~~  
5 ~~and educational remediation activities. Participants shall be unemployed at the~~  
6 ~~time of their enrollment.~~  
7           2. ~~Participants in the program shall be paid a wage according to a work~~  
8 ~~plan approved by the division of workforce development, and commensurate~~  
9 ~~with the number of hours worked by the participant. If participants are high~~  
10 ~~school dropouts, they shall be required to work toward the completion of their~~

10 graduate equivalency diploma while employed in the summer employment and  
11 remediation program. The division of workforce development shall work with  
12 the department of elementary and secondary education to establish criteria for  
13 determining participants who may be at risk of not earning a high school  
14 diploma. Participants who meet these criteria shall be required to attend  
15 remediation classes designed to assist in the retention and successful  
16 completion of high school.]

2 [620.564. The youth volunteer program shall consist of unpaid work in  
3 projects which provide employability skills training and preemployment work  
4 experience. Such unpaid work shall not preclude the provision of supportive  
5 services deemed appropriate. Each volunteer program of the Missouri youth  
6 service and conservation corps shall demonstrate a high degree of youth input  
7 into program development, shall provide career-related information pertaining  
8 to volunteer projects, shall provide useful service to the community and shall  
abide by state and federal child labor laws.]

2 [620.566. 1. The division of workforce development within the  
3 department of economic development is hereby authorized to administer the  
4 Missouri youth service and conservation corps programs and adopt rules and  
5 regulations governing their operation and participation requirements.

6 2. The division shall cooperate with and may directly contract with all  
7 state agencies, local units of government and any of the governor's advisory  
8 councils or commissions, or their successor agencies, and with private not-for-  
9 profit organizations in delivery of youth corps programs. For purposes of this  
10 section, the contracting process of the division with these entities need not be  
governed by the provisions of chapter 34.

11 3. Upon application to the division and subject to the availability of  
12 funds, the division is authorized to provide funding assistance through  
13 contracts with administrative entities, designated pursuant to the Workforce  
14 Investment Act and any subsequent amendments, and project sponsors. The  
15 application shall form the basis for the contract agreement and, at a minimum,  
16 shall include:

17 (1) A general project description, including the extent to which it  
18 satisfies community development or resource conservation objectives and  
19 whether or not such objectives are stated within any municipal, county,  
20 regional or state agency plan;

21 (2) The number of corps members to be assigned to each project, a  
22 description of the nature and duration of their employment or volunteer work,  
23 and a description of combinations or sequences of education or vocational  
24 training to be provided;

25 (3) The amount of total funds required to sustain the project,  
26 distinguishing between the amounts required for corps members' wages and  
27 stipends, if any, and the amounts required for other purposes;

28 (4) A statement of the amount and purpose of funding assistance  
29 requested from the division and the manner and timing of its disbursement;

30 (5) A description of the interagency coordination, technical assistance  
31 and financial support which together with the funding assistance, the resources

32 of the applicant and support from any other source, is sufficient to ensure the  
33 success of the project. The commitment of financial support from the project  
34 sponsor shall be equal to or greater than twenty-five percent of the amount of  
35 the total project cost.

36 4. An application shall only be submitted to the division after review  
37 by the private industry council operating within the service delivery area in  
38 which the project is to be located, regardless of the actual project sponsor. It  
39 shall include the signatures of the workforce investment board chairperson and  
40 the designated chief local elected official of the local workforce investment  
41 area.

42 5. The division shall ensure that all affected state agencies are made  
43 aware of the application and are provided the opportunity to offer comments  
44 related to the project feasibility, including the identification of other available  
45 funds for the project.]

[620.568. 1. A project sponsor shall administer projects funded under  
2 sections 620.552 to 620.574 in the following manner:

3 (1) Participants, except those enrolled in the youth volunteer program,  
4 shall be paid at least the minimum wage as established by federal or state law  
5 at the time of employment;

6 (2) Persons employed through any of the corps programs shall be  
7 exempt from merit system requirements, and shall not be eligible for  
8 membership in any public employees' retirement system. All participants shall  
9 be so advised by the project sponsor and the regulating authority;

10 (3) Services performed by a participant in any corps program shall not  
11 constitute "employment" within the meaning of the Missouri employment  
12 security law in chapter 288, if the program is operated as a work-relief or  
13 work-training program in accordance with subdivision (5) of subsection 9 of  
14 section 288.034.

15 2. Not more than ten percent of the funds distributed to a project  
16 sponsor may be expended for administrative expenses. Administrative  
17 expenses shall be approved by the division.

18 3. No funds shall be awarded for any program which replaces or  
19 supplants employees engaged in any authorized work stoppage or which  
20 replaces or supplants currently employed workers or which impairs existing  
21 contracts for services provided by other workers.]

[620.570. 1. The Missouri training and employment council, as  
2 established in section 620.523, shall review and recommend criteria for  
3 evaluating project funding assistance, program criteria, and other requirements  
4 and priorities to be used by the division in the evaluation and monitoring of  
5 Missouri youth service and conservation corps projects.

6 2. The division shall work with the department of higher education and  
7 workforce development, the department of elementary and secondary  
8 education, all colleges, universities and lending institutions throughout the  
9 state to develop a system of academic credit, tuition grants and deferred loan  
10 repayment incentives for young adults who enroll and complete participation

11 in corps programs. The division shall adopt rules under chapter 536 designed  
12 to implement any such incentive programs.

13 3. The division of workforce development of the department of  
14 economic development shall establish and promote the recruitment of "Show-  
15 Me Employers" which shall consist of Missouri based corporations and  
16 businesses agreeing to interview, for entry level jobs, participants successfully  
17 completing a youth corps program.

18 4. The division of workforce development of the department of  
19 economic development shall recognize and promote within the labor exchange  
20 system the youth service corps and the potential benefits of hiring participants  
21 who have successfully completed any of the corps' programs.]

2 [620.572. The directors of the departments of conservation, economic  
3 development, social services, elementary and secondary education, labor and  
4 industrial relations, and natural resources and the director of the University of  
5 Missouri extension system shall meet regularly to establish appropriate  
6 allocations from their respective budgets to be made for the operation of the  
7 Missouri youth service and conservation corps. Funding for the operation of  
8 the corps may come from, but not be limited to, moneys available through the  
9 federal Carl Perkins Act, the federal Workforce Investment Act, the federal  
10 Wagner Peyser Act, the one-eighth of one cent sales tax as authorized by  
11 Sections 43(a) and 43(b) of Article IV of the Missouri Constitution, and other  
12 discretionary funds which may be available to the various departments and to  
the governor's office.]

2 [620.574. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Youth  
3 Service and Conservation Corps Fund". The state treasurer shall deposit to the  
4 credit of the fund all moneys which may be appropriated to it by the general  
5 assembly and any gifts, contributions, grants or bequests received from  
6 federal, private or other sources. The general assembly shall appropriate  
7 moneys in the youth service and conservation corps fund for the support of the  
corps.]

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