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HOUSE BILL NO. 755

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE OEHLERKING.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 135.800, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to advanced manufacturing recruitment.

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

Section A. Section 135.800, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu 2 thereof, to be known as sections 135.800 and 620.1920, to read as follows:

135.800. 1. The provisions of sections 135.800 to 135.830 shall be known and may2 be cited as the "Tax Credit Accountability Act of 2004".

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2. As used in sections 135.800 to 135.830, the following terms mean:

4 (1) "Administering agency", the state agency or department charged with 5 administering a particular tax credit program, as set forth by the program's enacting 6 statute; where no department or agency is set forth, the department of revenue;

7 (2) "Agricultural tax credits", the agricultural product utilization contributor tax credit 8 created pursuant to section 348.430, the new generation cooperative incentive tax credit 9 created pursuant to section 348.432, the family farm breeding livestock loan tax credit created 10 under section 348.505, the qualified beef tax credit created under section 135.679, and the 11 wine and grape production tax credit created pursuant to section 135.700;

(3) "Business recruitment tax credits", the business facility tax credit created pursuant to sections 135.110 to 135.150 and section 135.258, the enterprise zone tax benefits created pursuant to sections 135.200 to 135.270, the business use incentives for large-scale development programs created pursuant to sections 100.700 to 100.850, the development tax credits created pursuant to sections 32.100 to 32.125, the rebuilding communities tax credit created pursuant to section 135.535, the film production tax credit created pursuant to section

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.

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18 135.750, the enhanced enterprise zone created pursuant to sections 135.950 to 135.970, [and]

19 the Missouri quality jobs program created pursuant to sections 620.1875 to 620.1900, and the

20 Missouri advanced manufacturing recruitment act tax credit created pursuant to

21 section 620.1920;

(4) "Community development tax credits", the neighborhood assistance tax credit created pursuant to sections 32.100 to 32.125, the family development account tax credit created pursuant to sections 208.750 to 208.775, the dry fire hydrant tax credit created pursuant to section 320.093, and the transportation development tax credit created pursuant to section 135.545;

27 (5) "Domestic and social tax credits", the youth opportunities tax credit created pursuant to section 135.460 and sections 620.1100 to 620.1103, the shelter for victims of 28 domestic violence created pursuant to section 135.550, the senior citizen or disabled person 29 30 property tax credit created pursuant to sections 135.010 to 135.035, the adoption tax credit 31 created pursuant to sections 135.325 to 135.339, the champion for children tax credit created 32 pursuant to section 135.341, the maternity home tax credit created pursuant to section 33 135.600, the surviving spouse tax credit created pursuant to section 135.090, the residential 34 treatment agency tax credit created pursuant to section 135.1150, the pregnancy resource 35 center tax credit created pursuant to section 135.630, the food pantry tax credit created pursuant to section 135.647, the residential dwelling access tax credit created pursuant to 36 37 section 135.562, the developmental disability care provider tax credit created under section 38 135.1180, the shared care tax credit created pursuant to section 192.2015, the health, hunger, 39 and hygiene tax credit created pursuant to section 135.1125, and the diaper bank tax credit 40 created pursuant to section 135.621;

41 (6) "Entrepreneurial tax credits", the capital tax credit created pursuant to sections 135.400 to 135.429, the certified capital company tax credit created pursuant to sections 42 43 135.500 to 135.529, the seed capital tax credit created pursuant to sections 348.300 to 44 348.318, the new enterprise creation tax credit created pursuant to sections 620.635 to 45 620.653, the research tax credit created pursuant to section 620.1039, the small business 46 incubator tax credit created pursuant to section 620.495, the guarantee fee tax credit created pursuant to section 135.766, and the new generation cooperative tax credit created pursuant to 47 48 sections 32.105 to 32.125;

49 (7) "Environmental tax credits", the charcoal producer tax credit created pursuant to
50 section 135.313, the wood energy tax credit created pursuant to sections 135.300 to 135.311,
51 and the alternative fuel stations tax credit created pursuant to section 135.710;

52 (8) "Financial and insurance tax credits", the bank franchise tax credit created 53 pursuant to section 148.030, the bank tax credit for S corporations created pursuant to section 54 143.471, the exam fee tax credit created pursuant to section 148.400, the health insurance

55 pool tax credit created pursuant to section 376.975, the life and health insurance guaranty tax

56 credit created pursuant to section 376.745, the property and casualty guaranty tax credit 57 created pursuant to section 375.774, and the self-employed health insurance tax credit created

58 pursuant to section 143.119;

59 (9) "Housing tax credits", the neighborhood preservation tax credit created pursuant 60 to sections 135.475 to 135.487, the low-income housing tax credit created pursuant to 61 sections 135.350 to 135.363, and the affordable housing tax credit created pursuant to 62 sections 32.105 to 32.125;

63 64 (10) "Recipient", the individual or entity who both:

(a) Is the original applicant for a tax credit; and

65 (b) Who directly receives a tax credit or the right to transfer a tax credit under a tax 66 credit program, regardless as to whether the tax credit has been used or redeemed; a recipient 67 shall not include the transferee of a transferable tax credit;

68 (11) "Redevelopment tax credits", the historic preservation tax credit created pursuant 69 to sections 253.545 to 253.559, the brownfield redevelopment program tax credit created 70 pursuant to sections 447.700 to 447.718, the community development corporations tax credit 71 created pursuant to sections 135.400 to 135.430, the infrastructure tax credit created pursuant 72 to subsection 6 of section 100.286, the bond guarantee tax credit created pursuant to section 73 100.297, the disabled access tax credit created pursuant to section 135.490, the new markets 74 tax credit created pursuant to section 135.680, and the distressed areas land assemblage tax 75 credit created pursuant to section 99.1205;

(12) "Tax credit program", any of the tax credit programs included in the definitions
 of agricultural tax credits, business recruitment tax credits, community development tax
 credits, domestic and social tax credits, entrepreneurial tax credits, environmental tax credits,
 housing tax credits, redevelopment tax credits, and training and educational tax credits;

80 (13) "Training and educational tax credits", the Missouri works new jobs tax credit 81 and Missouri works retained jobs credit created pursuant to sections 620.800 to 620.809.

620.1920. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri 2 Advanced Manufacturing Recruitment Act".

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

4 (1) "Base employment", the number of qualified full-time Missouri taxpayers 5 employed by the qualified manufacturing company for the twelve-month period prior to 6 the date of notice of intent;

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(2) "Department", the Missouri department of economic development;

8 (3) "NAICS" or "NAICS industry classification", the classification provided by 9 the most recent edition of the North American Industry Classification System as 10 prepared by the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget;

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(4) "New jobs", the number of qualified full-time Missouri taxpayers employed
by the qualified manufacturing company less the project facility's base employment;

(5) "Notice of intent", a form developed by the department and available online,
completed by the qualified company, and submitted to the department stating the
qualified company's intent to request benefits under this program;

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(6) "Program", the Missouri advanced manufacturing recruitment program;

17 "Project facility", the building or buildings used by a qualified (7) manufacturing company at which new or retained jobs and any new qualified 18 19 manufacturing capital investment are or will be located or by a qualified manufacturing 20 company at which a qualified manufacturing capital investment is or will be located. A 21 project facility may include separate buildings such that their purpose and operations 22 are interrelated. Upon approval by the department, a subsequent project facility may 23 be designated if the qualified manufacturing company demonstrates a need to relocate 24 to the subsequent project facility at any time during the project period;

(8) "Project period", the time period within which benefits are awarded to a
qualified manufacturing company or within which the qualified manufacturing
company is obligated to perform under an agreement with the department,
whichever is greater;

(9) "Qualified full-time Missouri taxpayer", any individual employed by the qualified manufacturing company who is scheduled to work an average of at least thirty-five hours per week for a twelve-month period and whose total annual income from the company is equal to or above the county average wage and whose wages are subject to the taxes imposed by chapter 143;

(10) "Qualified manufacturing capital investment", an expenditure on property
 in this state, depreciable under Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. Section 168, that has
 been verified by the department;

(11) "Qualified manufacturing company", a firm, partnership, joint venture,
association, or private or public corporation whether organized for profit or not for
profit registered to do business in Missouri that is the owner or operator of a project
facility company that is classified by the manufacturing NAICS codes 31-33;

(12) "Tax credit", tax credits issued by the department to offset the state taxes
imposed by chapters 143 and 148, excluding withholding tax under sections 143.191 to
143.265, or that may be sold as provided for in this program.

44 **3.** For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, a qualified 45 manufacturing company may, for a period of five years, be allowed a tax credit of up to 46 twenty percent of a qualified manufacturing capital investment if the qualified 47 manufacturing company:

48 (1) Makes at least one billion dollars of a qualified manufacturing capital 49 investment; and

50 (2) Creates five hundred or more new jobs, one hundred fifty of which shall be 51 reserved for full-time residents of Missouri at the time of hiring.

52 4. The total amount of tax credits issued annually under this section shall not 53 exceed two hundred million dollars per fiscal year.

54 5. The department shall award tax credits to a qualified manufacturing 55 company that satisfies the qualified manufacturing capital investment requirement in 56 four separate installments of equal value, equivalent to one-fourth of the total agreed-57 upon value of awarded incentive:

58 (1) At twenty-five percent of the agreed-upon qualified manufacturing capital 59 investment;

60 (2) At fifty percent of the agreed-upon qualified manufacturing capital 61 investment;

62 (3) At seventy-five percent of the agreed-upon qualified manufacturing capital 63 investment; and

64 (4) At one hundred percent of the agreed-upon qualified manufacturing capital 65 investment.

6. To be eligible for consideration for the tax credit under this section, a qualified 67 manufacturing company shall submit an application and documentation to the 68 department, as required by the department, outlining a qualified manufacturing 69 capital investment plan totaling no less than one billion dollars.

70 7. In order to receive benefits under this section, a qualified manufacturing 71 company shall enter into written agreement with the department containing detailed 72 performance requirements and repayment penalties in the event of nonperformance. 73 Upon approval of a notice of intent to request benefits under this section, the 74 department and the qualified manufacturing company shall enter into a written 75 agreement covering the applicable period. The agreement shall specify, at a minimum: 76 (1) The committed number of retained jobs, payroll, and new qualified

77 manufacturing capital investment for each year during the project period;

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(2) Clawback provisions, as may be required by the department; and

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(3) Any other provisions the department may require.

80 8. The amount of tax credits awarded to a qualified manufacturing company 81 under this section shall not exceed the minimal amount necessary to obtain the qualified 82 manufacturing company's commitment to initiate the project. In determining the 83 amount of tax credits to award to a qualified company, the department shall consider 84 the following factors:

85 (1) The significance of the qualified manufacturing company's need for program86 benefits;

87 (2) The amount of projected economic impact to the state of the project and the 88 period in which the state would realize such net fiscal benefit;

(3) The overall size and quality of the proposed project, including the number of
new jobs, new qualified manufacturing capital investment, proposed wages, growth
potential of the qualified manufacturing company, the potential multiplier effect of the
project, and similar factors;

93 (4) The financial stability and creditworthiness of the qualified manufacturing94 company;

95 (5) The level of economic distress in the area; and

96 (6) An evaluation of the competitiveness of alternative locations for the project
97 facility, as applicable.

98 9. Once the company and department agree on tax credits, the qualified 99 manufacturing company has three years from the date of department approval to meet 100 twenty-five percent of a qualified manufacturing capital investment. Once the twenty-101 five percent threshold of the qualified manufacturing capital investment is met, a 102 qualified manufacturing company has five years to receive the full agreed-upon tax 103 credits. If a qualified manufacturing company does not meet the twenty-five percent 104 threshold by year three after the agreement, the agreement shall be deemed void. A 105 qualified manufacturing company may reapply at any time. A qualified manufacturing 106 company shall not be entitled to the full agreed-upon tax credits unless the agreed-upon 107 qualified manufacturing capital investment threshold is met in the time period defined 108 in this section. A qualified manufacturing company that does not meet the full agreed-109 upon qualified manufacturing capital investment threshold may apply for the program 110 again if the qualified manufacturing company meets the requirements of this section.

10. A qualified manufacturing company receiving benefits under this program shall provide an annual report of the number of jobs and such other information as may be required by the department to document the basis for program benefits available no later than ninety days prior to the end of the qualified manufacturing company's tax year immediately following the tax year for which the benefits provided under the program are attributed.

117 **11.** Tax credits provided under this program may be claimed against taxes 118 otherwise imposed by chapters 143 and 148 but shall be claimed within one year of the 119 close of the tax year for which they were issued. Tax credits provided under this 120 program may be transferred, sold, or assigned by filing a notarized endorsement thereof 121 with the department that names the transferee, the amount of tax credits transferred,

122 and the value received for the credits, as well as any other information reasonably 123 requested by the department. For a qualified manufacturing company with flow-124 through tax treatment to its members, partners, or shareholders, the tax credit shall be 125 allowed to members, partners, or shareholders in proportion to their share of ownership 126 on the last day of the qualified company's tax period for which the tax credits were 127 issued.

128 12. Prior to the issuance of tax credits, the department shall verify through the 129 department of revenue, and any other applicable state department, that the tax credit 130 applicant does not owe any delinquent income, sales, or use tax or interest or penalties 131 on such taxes, or any delinquent fees or assessments levied by any state department and 132 through the department of commerce and insurance that the applicant does not owe any 133 delinquent insurance taxes or other fees. Such delinquency shall not affect the approval, 134 except that any tax credits issued shall be first applied to the delinquency and any 135 amount issued shall be reduced by the applicant's tax delinquency. If the department of 136 revenue, the department of commerce and insurance, or any other state department 137 concludes that a taxpayer is delinquent after June fifteenth but before July first of any 138 year and the application of tax credits to such delinquency causes a tax deficiency on 139 behalf of the taxpayer to arise, the taxpayer shall be granted thirty days to satisfy the 140 deficiency in which interest, penalties, and additions to the tax shall be tolled. After 141 applying all available credits toward a tax delinquency, the administering agency shall 142 notify the appropriate department and that department shall update the amount of 143 outstanding delinquent tax owed by the applicant. If any credits remain after satisfying all insurance, income, sales, and use tax delinquencies, the remaining credits shall be 144 145 issued to the applicant, subject to the restrictions of other provisions of law. Notwithstanding section 32.057 and any state tax confidentiality law to the contrary, 146 147 the department of revenue and any other applicable state department may disclose any 148 tax information to the department concerning a qualified manufacturing company that 149 is applying for this tax credit for purposes of administering this tax credit.

150 **13.** The director of revenue shall issue a refund to the qualified manufacturing 151 company to the extent that the amount of tax credits allowed under this program 152 exceeds the amount of the qualified company's tax liability, if any, under both chapters 153 143 and 148.

154 **14.** Any qualified manufacturing company approved for benefits under this 155 program shall provide to the department, upon request, any and all information and 156 records reasonably required to monitor compliance with program requirements.

157 **15.** Before January 1, 2027, and the first day of each calendar quarter thereafter, 158 the department shall present a quarterly report to the general assembly detailing the

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benefits authorized under this program during the immediately preceding calendar
quarter to the extent such information may be disclosed under state and federal law.
The report shall include, but not be limited to:

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(1) A list of all approved and disapproved applicants for each tax credit;

163 (2) A list of the aggregate amount of new or retained jobs that are directly 164 attributable to the tax credits authorized;

165 (3) A statement of the aggregate amount of new capital investment directly 166 attributable to the tax credits authorized;

167 (4) Documentation of the estimated economic impact for each authorized project
 168 and, to the extent available, the actual benefit realized upon completion of such project
 169 or activity; and

170 (5) The department's response time for each request for a proposed benefit 171 award under this program.

172 16. This program shall be considered a business recruitment tax credit under 173 subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section 135.800, and any qualified manufacturing 174 company approved for benefits under this program shall be subject to the provisions of 175 sections 135.800 to 135.830.

176 17. For qualified manufacturing companies owned by entities domiciled in the 177 United States that are relocating or reshoring manufacturing capacity from the People's 178 Republic of China or any country designated as a foreign adversary in 15 CFR 7.4 to a 179 project facility in Missouri, the department shall establish an expedited approval 180 process. Applications from such companies shall be given priority in the review process over applications from otherwise qualified manufacturing companies. The department 181 182 shall make a determination on applications from qualified manufacturing companies 183 owned by entities domiciled in the United States that are relocating or reshoring 184 manufacturing capacity from the People's Republic of China or a designated foreign adversary within sixty days of receiving a complete application. The director of the 185 186 department shall establish policies and procedures to implement the expedited approval 187 process and ensure priority consideration for applications from such companies.

188 **18.** The department of economic development may promulgate all necessary 189 rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a 190 rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority 191 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to 192 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and 193 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly 194 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul

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a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority
and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.

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97 **19. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

198 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall 199 automatically sunset on December thirty-first, ten years after the effective date of this 200 section, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly;

(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section
 shall automatically sunset on December thirty-first, ten years after the effective date of
 the reauthorization of this section;

(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year
 immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this
 section is sunset; and

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall prevent a taxpayer from claiming a tax credit
 properly issued before this program was sunset in a tax year after the program is sunset.

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