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HOUSE BILL NO. 1181

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RIGGS.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 135, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to tax credits for certain endowment contributions.

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

Section A. Chapter 135, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 135.1850, to read as follows:

135.1850. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri Gives Tax Credit Act".

- 2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:
- 4 (1) "Business entity", a corporation, trust, estate, partnership, limited liability 5 company, or sole proprietorship;
- 6 (2) "Donor advised fund", the same meaning as such term is defined under 7 subsection (d) of Section 4966 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- 8 (3) "Endowment gift", an irrevocable contribution to a permanent endowment 9 fund held by a qualified community foundation;
 - (4) "Permanent endowment fund", a fund that:
- 11 (a) Is held by a qualified community foundation;
- 12 (b) Provides charitable grants exclusively for the benefit of residents of the state 13 or charities and charitable projects located in the state;
 - (c) Is intended to exist in perpetuity;

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- 15 (d) Has an annual spending rate based on the foundation spending policy, but 16 not to exceed seven percent; and
 - (e) Is not a donor advised fund;

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 (5) "Qualified community foundation", a community foundation or similar 19 publicly supported organization described under Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal 20 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that is organized or operating in this state and that 21 substantially complies with the national standards for U.S. community foundations 22 established by the Community Foundations National Standards, as determined by the 23 department;
 - (6) "Taxpayer", any individual or business entity subject to the state income tax imposed under chapter 143;
 - (7) "Tax credit", a credit against the tax otherwise due under chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed under sections 143.191 to 143.265.
 - 3. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, a taxpayer shall be allowed to claim a tax credit against the taxpayer's state tax liability in an amount equal to twenty-five percent of a contribution made as an endowment gift to a permanent endowment fund during the tax year.
 - 4. Tax credits issued under the provisions of this section shall not be refundable. No tax credit claimed under this section shall be carried forward to any subsequent tax year. No tax credit claimed under this section shall be assigned, transferred, sold, or otherwise conveyed.
 - 5. The cumulative amount of tax credits awarded to any single taxpayer per tax year shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars per tax year. The cumulative amount of contributions to any specific qualified community foundation that are eligible for the tax credits under this section in any tax year shall not exceed three million dollars.
 - 6. (1) The cumulative amount of tax credits allowed to all taxpayers under this section shall not exceed five million dollars per tax year. If the amount of tax credits claimed in a tax year under this section exceeds five million dollars, tax credits shall be allowed based on the order in which they are claimed.
 - (2) Of the cumulative amount available for tax credits per tax year to all taxpayers under this subsection, twenty-five percent shall be reserved for endowment gifts that do not exceed the small-gift maximum set forth in this subdivision. The small-gift maximum is twenty-five thousand dollars. For purposes of determining if a donation meets the small-gift maximum, the amount of the credit authorization certificate issued by the department under this section shall be used.
 - 7. Each taxpayer claiming a tax credit under this section shall file a receipt and affidavit with his or her income tax return verifying the amount the taxpayer contributed as an endowment gift, in the form and manner as prescribed by the department. Upon request by the department, each qualified community foundation

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shall provide information to the department concerning the identity of each taxpayer 55 making an endowment gift and the amount of the contribution for the purposes of this section.

- 8. Notwithstanding any provision of section 105.1500 to the contrary, any requirement to provide information, documents, or records under this section, and any requirement established by the department of revenue to provide information, documents, or records for the purpose of administering and enforcing this section, shall be exempt from section 105.1500.
- 9. The tax credit authorized under this section shall constitute a domestic and social tax credit, as such term is defined under section 135.800, and shall be subject to the provisions of sections 135.800 to 135.830.
- The department of revenue shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section including, but not limited to, rules relating to the verification of a taxpayer's contribution amount. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.
 - 11. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:
- The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall automatically sunset on December thirty-first, six years after the effective date of this 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, twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section;
- 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.