

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 3239, Page 2, Section 161.672, Line
2 33, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

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4 "173.057. 1. As used in this section, the term "public colleges and universities" means
5 any public community college, public college, or public university located in this state.

6 2. There is hereby established the "College Admission and Financial Aid Letter
7 Consistency Task Force" to develop standardized forms for public colleges and universities to
8 use for admission letters and student financial aid award letters.

9 3. All task force members shall be appointed before October 1, 2026. The task force
10 shall consist of fifteen members appointed as follows:

11 (1) Three parents or legal guardians of students who attend a public university or two-
12 year college in this state, appointed by the joint committee on education;

13 (2) Three students who attend a public university or two-year college in this state,
14 appointed by the joint committee on education;

15 (3) An administrator from a public institution of higher education who is involved in
16 admissions, appointed by the commissioner of higher education;

17 (4) An administrator from a public institution of higher education who is involved in
18 financial aid, appointed by the commissioner of higher education;

19 (5) A representative of a public community college who is involved in admissions,
20 appointed by a statewide organization of community colleges;

21 (6) A representative of a public community college who is involved in finance,
22 appointed by a statewide organization of community colleges;

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

26 (8) A secondary school counselor, appointed by a statewide association of school
27 counselors;

28 (9) A secondary school career and college counselor, appointed by a statewide
29 association of school counselors;

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1 (10) An apprenticeship professional, appointed by the department of higher education
2 and workforce development; and

3 (11) A representative of the State Technical College of Missouri, appointed by the
4 college's board of regents.

5 4. The members of the task force shall elect a chair from among the membership of the
6 task force. The task force shall meet as needed to perform its duties and complete its findings
7 and recommendations as described in this section. The department of higher education and
8 workforce development shall provide any legal, research, clerical, and technical services the task
9 force requires in the performance of its duties. Members of the task force shall serve without
10 compensation but may, subject to appropriation, be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses
11 incurred in the performance of official duties as members of the task force. No school district
12 policy or administrative action shall require any education employee member to use personal
13 leave or incur a reduction in pay for participating on the task force.

14 5. The task force shall develop a standard admission letter and a standard financial aid
15 award letter to be used by all public colleges and universities. The standard financial aid award
16 letter shall clearly list at least the following information:

17 (1) The estimated cost of attendance including, but not limited to, the cost of tuition and
18 fees, room and board, books, and transportation for the current academic year as well as
19 estimates for each academic year that the student would need to attend to earn a degree at such
20 institution, with a disclaimer that the cost of attendance for years other than the current academic
21 year are estimates and may be subject to change;

22 (2) All federal, state, and institutional financial aid offered, with an explanation as to
23 which components will require repayment;

24 (3) Any expected student or family contribution;

25 (4) Campus-specific graduation, median borrowing, and loan default rates;

26 (5) A glossary of terms and definitions used in the standard letter; and

27 (6) Any other necessary information as determined by the task force.

28 6. Before January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report to the speaker of the house
29 of representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate, the joint committee on education, and
30 the coordinating board for higher education. The report shall contain the task force's findings,
31 samples of a recommended standard admission letter and a standard financial aid award letter,
32 and recommendations for legislation pertaining to requirements for a standard admission letter
33 and a standard financial aid award letter to be used by all public colleges and universities.

34 7. Upon submission of the task force's report, the task force shall dissolve."; and
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36 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
37 accordingly.