

SENATE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2896
AN ACT

To repeal sections 173.831, 174.300, 174.332, 174.450, 174.453, 174.610, 175.020, 178.530, and 178.632, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to education.

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

Section A. Sections 173.831, 174.300, 174.332, 174.450, 2 174.453, 174.610, 175.020, 178.530, and 178.632, RSMo, are 3 repealed and nine new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be 4 known as sections 173.831, 174.300, 174.332, 174.450, 174.453, 5 174.610, 175.020, 178.530, and 178.632, to read as follows:

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

3 (1) "Academic skill intake assessment", a criterion- 4 referenced assessment of numeracy and literacy skills with 5 high reliability and validity as determined by third-party 6 research;

7 (2) "Accredited", holding an active accreditation from 8 one of the seven United States regional accreditors 9 including, but not limited to, the Middle States Commission 10 on Higher Education, the New England Association of Schools 11 and Colleges, the Higher Learning Commission, the Northwest 12 Commission on Colleges and Universities, the Southern 13 Association of Colleges and Schools, the Western Association 14 of Schools and Colleges, and the Accrediting Commission for 15 Community and Junior Colleges, as well as any successor

16 entities or consolidations of the above including, but not
17 limited to, AdvancEd or Cognia;

18 (3) "Adult dropout recovery services" includes, but is
19 not limited to, sourcing, recruitment, and engagement of
20 eligible students, learning plan development, active
21 teaching, and proactive coaching and mentoring, resulting in
22 an accredited high school diploma and pathway to post
23 secondary education opportunities;

24 (4) "Approved program provider", a public, not-for-
25 profit, or other entity that meets the requirements of
26 subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section or any
27 consortium of such entities;

28 (5) "Average cost per graduate", the amount of the
29 total program funding reimbursed to an approved program
30 provider for each cohort during the period of time from the
31 beginning of the same cohort through the subsequent twelve
32 months after the close of the same cohort, divided by the
33 total number of students who graduated from the same cohort
34 within twelve months after the close of the same cohort or
35 enrollment in postsecondary education;

36 (6) "Career pathways coursework", one or more courses
37 that align with the skill needs of industries in the economy
38 of the state or region that help an individual enter or
39 advance within a specific occupation or occupational cluster;

40 (7) "Career placement services", services designed to
41 assist students in obtaining employment, such as career
42 interest self-assessments and job search skills such as
43 resume development and mock interviews;

44 (8) "Coaching", proactive communication between the
45 approved program provider and the student related to the
46 student's pace and progress through the student's learning
47 plan;

48 (9) "Cohort", students who enter the program between
49 July first and June thirtieth of each program year;

50 (10) "Department", the department of elementary and
51 secondary education;

52 (11) "Employability skills certification", a
53 certificate earned by demonstrating professional
54 nontechnical skills through assessment, portfolio, or
55 observation;

56 (12) "Graduate", a student who has successfully
57 completed all of the state and approved program provider
58 requirements in order to obtain a high school diploma;

59 (13) "Graduation rate", the total number of graduates
60 from a cohort who graduated within twelve months after the
61 close of the cohort divided by the total number of students
62 included in the same cohort;

63 (14) "Graduation requirements", course and credit
64 requirements for the approved program provider's accredited
65 high school diploma;

66 (15) "High school diploma", a diploma issued by an
67 accredited institution;

68 (16) "Industry-recognized credential", an education-
69 related credential or work-related credential that verifies
70 an individual's qualification or competence issued by a
71 third party with the relevant authority to issue such
72 credential;

73 (17) "Learning plan", a documented plan for courses or
74 credits needed for each individual in order to complete
75 program and approved program provider graduation
76 requirements;

77 (18) "Mentoring", a direct relationship between a
78 coach and a student to facilitate the completion of the
79 student's learning plan designed to prepare the student to
80 succeed in the program and the student's future endeavors;

81 (19) "Milestones", objective measures of progress for
82 which payment is made to an approved program provider under
83 this section such as earned units of high school credit,
84 attainment of an employability skills certificate,
85 attainment of an industry-recognized credential, attainment
86 of a technical skills assessment, and attainment of an
87 accredited high school diploma;

88 (20) "Program", the workforce diploma program
89 established in this section;

90 (21) "Request for qualifications", a request for
91 interested potential program providers to submit evidence
92 that they meet the qualifications established in subsection
93 3 of this section;

94 (22) "Stackable credential", a third-party credential
95 that is part of a sequence of credentials that can be
96 accumulated over time to build up an individual's
97 qualifications to advance along a career pathway;

98 (23) "Student", a participant in the program
99 established in this section who is twenty-one years of age
100 or older, who is a resident of Missouri, and who has not yet
101 earned a high school diploma;

102 (24) "Technical skills assessment", a criterion-
103 referenced assessment of an individual's skills required for
104 an entry-level career, or additional training in a technical
105 field, or other postsecondary opportunities;

106 (25) "Transcript evaluation", a documented summary of
107 credits earned in previous public or private accredited high
108 schools compared with the program and approved program
109 provider graduation requirements;

110 (26) "Unit of high school credit", credit awarded
111 based on a student's demonstration that the student has
112 successfully met the content expectations for the credit

113 area as defined by subject area standards, expectations, or
114 guidelines.

115 2. There is hereby established the "Workforce Diploma
116 Program" within the department of elementary and secondary
117 education to assist students with obtaining a high school
118 diploma and developing employability and career technical
119 skills. The program may be delivered in campus-based,
120 blended, or online modalities.

121 3. (1) Before September 1, 2022, and annually
122 thereafter, the department shall issue a request for
123 qualifications for interested program providers to become
124 approved program providers and participate in the program.

125 (2) Each approved program provider shall meet all of
126 the following qualifications:

127 (a) Be an accredited high school diploma-granting
128 entity;

129 (b) Have a minimum of two years of experience
130 providing adult dropout recovery services;

131 (c) Provide academic skill intake assessments and
132 transcript evaluations to each student. Such academic skill
133 intake assessments may be administered in person or online;

134 (d) Develop a learning plan for each student that
135 integrates graduation requirements and career goals;

136 (e) Provide a course catalog that includes all courses
137 necessary to meet graduation requirements;

138 (f) Offer remediation opportunities in literacy and
139 numeracy, as applicable;

140 (g) Offer employability skills certification, as
141 applicable;

142 (h) Offer career pathways coursework, as applicable;

143 (i) Ability to provide preparation for industry-
144 recognized credentials or stackable credentials, a technical
145 skills assessment, or a combination thereof; and

146 (j) Offer career placement services, as applicable.

147 (3) Upon confirmation by the department that an
148 interested program provider meets all of the qualifications
149 listed in subdivision (2) of this subsection, an interested
150 program provider shall become an approved program provider.

151 4. (1) The department shall announce the approved
152 program providers before October sixteenth annually, with
153 authorization for the approved program providers to begin
154 enrolling students before November fifteenth annually.

155 (2) Approved program providers shall maintain approval
156 without reapplying annually if the approved program provider
157 has not been removed from the approved program provider list
158 under this section.

159 5. All approved program providers shall comply with
160 requirements as provided by the department to ensure:

161 (1) An accurate accounting of a student's accumulated
162 credits toward a high school diploma;

163 (2) An accurate accounting of credits necessary to
164 complete a high school diploma; and

165 (3) The provision of coursework aligned to the
166 academic performance standards of the state.

167 6. (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
168 subsection, the department shall pay an amount as set by the
169 department to approved program providers for the following
170 milestones provided by the approved program provider:

171 (a) Completion of each half unit of high school credit;

172 (b) Attainment of an employability skills
173 certification;

174 (c) Attainment of an industry-recognized credential,
175 technical skills assessment, or stackable credential
176 requiring no more than fifty hours of training;

177 (d) Attainment of an industry-recognized credential or
178 stackable credential requiring at least fifty-one but no
179 more than one hundred hours of training;

180 (e) Attainment of an industry-recognized credential or
181 stackable credential requiring more than one hundred hours
182 of training; and

183 (f) Attainment of an accredited high school diploma.

184 (2) No approved program provider shall receive funding
185 for a student under this section if the approved program
186 provider receives federal or state funding or private
187 tuition for that student. No approved program provider
188 shall charge student fees of any kind including, but not
189 limited to, textbook fees, tuition fees, lab fees, or
190 participation fees unless the student chooses to obtain
191 additional education offered by the approved program
192 provider that is not included in the state-funded program.

193 (3) Payments made under this subsection shall be
194 subject to an appropriation made to the department for such
195 purposes.

196 7. (1) Approved program providers shall submit
197 monthly invoices to the department before the eleventh
198 calendar day of each month for milestones met in the
199 previous calendar month.

200 (2) The department shall pay approved program
201 providers in the order in which invoices are submitted until
202 all available funds are exhausted.

203 (3) The department shall provide a written update to
204 approved program providers by the last calendar day of each
205 month. The update shall include the aggregate total dollars
206 that have been paid to approved program providers to date
207 and the estimated number of enrollments still available for
208 the program year.

209 8. Before July sixteenth of each year, each provider
210 shall report the following metrics to the department for
211 each individual cohort, on a cohort-by-cohort basis:

212 (1) The total number of students who have been funded
213 through the program;

214 (2) The total number of credits earned;

215 (3) The total number of employability skills
216 certifications issued;

217 (4) The total number of industry-recognized
218 credentials, stackable credentials, and technical skills
219 assessments earned for each tier of funding;

220 (5) The total number of graduates;

221 (6) The average cost per graduate once the stipulated
222 time to make such a calculation has passed; and

223 (7) The graduation rate once the stipulated time to
224 make such a calculation has passed.

225 9. (1) Before September sixteenth of each year, each
226 approved program provider shall conduct and submit to the
227 department the aggregate results of a survey of each
228 individual cohort, on a cohort-by-cohort basis, who
229 graduated from the program of the approved program provider
230 under this section. The survey shall be conducted in the
231 year after the year in which the individuals graduate and
232 the next four consecutive years.

233 (2) The survey shall include at least the following
234 data collection elements for each year the survey is
235 conducted:

236 (a) The individual's employment status, including
237 whether the individual is employed full time or part time;

238 (b) The individual's hourly wages;

239 (c) The individual's access to employer-sponsored
240 health care; and

241 (d) The individual's postsecondary enrollment status,
242 including whether the individual has completed a
243 postsecondary certificate or degree program.

244 10. (1) Beginning at the end of the second fiscal
245 year of the program, the department shall review data from
246 each approved program provider to ensure that each is
247 achieving minimum program performance standards including,
248 but not limited to:

249 (a) A minimum fifty percent average graduation rate
250 per cohort; and

251 (b) An average cost per graduate per cohort of seven
252 thousand dollars or less.

253 (2) Any approved program provider that fails to meet
254 the minimum program performance standards described in
255 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be placed on
256 probationary status for the remainder of the fiscal year by
257 the department.

258 (3) Any approved program provider that fails to meet
259 the minimum program performance standards described in
260 subdivision (1) of this subsection for two consecutive years
261 shall be removed from the approved program provider list by
262 the department.

263 11. (1) No approved program provider shall
264 discriminate against a student on the basis of race, color,
265 religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexuality, gender,
266 or age.

267 (2) If an approved program provider determines that a
268 student would be better served by participating in a
269 different program, the approved program provider may refer
270 the student to the state's adult basic education services.

271 12. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury
272 the "Workforce Diploma Program Fund", which shall consist of
273 any grants, gifts, donations, bequests, or moneys

274 appropriated under this section. The state treasurer shall
275 be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections
276 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve
277 disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon
278 appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely as
279 provided in this section.

280 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080
281 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end
282 of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the
283 general revenue fund.

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

288 13. The director of the department may promulgate all
289 necessary rules and regulations for the administration of
290 this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term
291 is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
292 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
293 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
294 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
295 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
296 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
297 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
298 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
299 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
300 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
301 2022, shall be invalid and void.

302 14. [Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

303 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under
304 this section shall automatically sunset six years after
305 August 28, 2022, unless reauthorized by an act of the
306 general assembly; and

307 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program
308 authorized under this section shall automatically sunset
309 twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization
310 of this section; and

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

314 15.] If any provision of this section or its
315 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid,
316 such determination shall not affect the provisions or
317 applications of the remainder of this act which may be given
318 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to
319 that end the provisions of this section are severable.

174.300. 1. Prior to October 17, 1978, the governor
2 shall, with the advice and consent of the senate, appoint a
3 six-member board of regents to assume the general control
4 and management of Harris-Stowe College. The members of the
5 board shall serve for terms of six years each, except for
6 the members first appointed, two of whom shall serve two-
7 year terms, two of whom shall serve four-year terms, and two
8 of whom shall serve six-year terms. Not more than three of
9 the regents shall be affiliated with any one political party
10 or reside in the city in which the institution's principal
11 administrative office is located.

12 2. On and after August 28, 2005, Harris-Stowe State
13 College shall be known as Harris-Stowe State University, and
14 the provisions contained in subsection 1 of this section
15 shall continue to apply to the institution.

174.332. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section
2 174.050 to the contrary, the board of regents of Northwest
3 Missouri State University shall be composed of nine members,
4 eight of whom shall be voting members and one who shall be a
5 nonvoting member. Not more than four voting members shall

6 belong to any one political party[. Not more than two
7 voting members shall be residents of the same county. The
8 appointed members of the board serving on August 28, 2008,
9 shall continue to serve until the expiration of the terms
10 for which the appointed members were appointed and until
11 such time a successor is duly appointed.

12 2. The board of regents shall be appointed as follows:

13 (1) Six voting members shall be residents of the
14 university's historic statutory service region, provided at
15 least one member shall be a resident of Nodaway County. For
16 the sole purpose of determining the composition of the board
17 of regents, the university's historic statutory service
18 region shall consist of the counties of Atchison, Andrew,
19 Caldwell, Carroll, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry,
20 Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway, Ray,
21 and Worth;

22 (2) Two voting members shall be residents of a county
23 in the state that is outside the university's historic
24 statutory service region, as described in subdivision (1) of
25 this subsection, provided these two members shall not be
26 appointed from the same congressional district; and

27 (3) or reside in the county in which the institution's
28 principal administrative office is located. One nonvoting
29 member shall be a full-time student of the university, a
30 United States citizen, and a resident of Missouri.

31 [3.] 2. A majority of the voting members of the board
32 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business;
33 however, no appropriation of money nor any contract that
34 shall require any appropriation or disbursement of money
35 shall be made, nor teacher employed or dismissed, unless a
36 majority of the voting members of the board vote for the
37 same.

38 [4.] 3. Except as specifically provided in this
39 section, the appointments and terms of office for the voting
40 and nonvoting members of the board, and all other duties and
41 responsibilities of the board, shall comply with the
42 provisions of state law regarding boards of regents.

 174.450. 1. Except as provided in subsections 2, [6]
2 3, and [7] 4 of this section, the governing board of the
3 University of Central Missouri, Missouri State University,
4 Missouri Southern State University, Missouri Western State
5 University, and of each other public institution of higher
6 education which, through the procedures established in
7 subdivision (8) or (9) of section 173.030, is charged with a
8 statewide mission shall be a board of governors consisting
9 of eight members, composed of seven voting members and one
10 nonvoting member as provided in sections 174.453 and
11 174.455, who shall be appointed by the governor of Missouri,
12 by and with the advice and consent of the senate. No person
13 shall be appointed a voting member who is not a citizen of
14 the United States and who has not been a resident of the
15 state of Missouri for at least two years immediately prior
16 to such appointment. Not more than four voting members
17 shall belong to any one political party. The appointed
18 members of the board of regents serving on the date of the
19 statutory mission change shall become members of the board
20 of governors on the effective date of the statutory mission
21 change and serve until the expiration of the terms for which
22 such members were appointed. The board of regents of any
23 such institution shall be abolished on the effective date of
24 the statutory mission change, as prescribed in subdivision
25 (8) or (9) of section 173.030.

26 2. The governing board of Missouri State University, a
27 public institution of higher education charged with a
28 statewide mission in public affairs, shall be a board of

29 governors of ten members, composed of nine voting members
30 and one nonvoting member, who shall be appointed by the
31 governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate.
32 The nonvoting member shall be a student selected in the same
33 manner as prescribed in section 174.055. [At least one but
34 no more than two voting members shall be appointed to the
35 board from each congressional district, and] Of the nine
36 voting members appointed to the board, no fewer than seven
37 members shall each be residents of different congressional
38 districts of this state; provided that no more than one
39 member shall be appointed from any one congressional
40 district. In addition to the seven members appointed to
41 represent different congressional districts, two members
42 shall be appointed at-large and shall not be required to
43 reside in a congressional district not otherwise represented
44 on the board. Every member of the board shall be a citizen
45 of the United States, and a resident of this state for at
46 least two years prior to the member's appointment. No more
47 than five voting members shall belong to any one political
48 party. The term of office of the governors shall be six
49 years, except as provided in this subsection. The term of
50 office for those appointed hereafter shall end January first
51 in years ending in an odd number.

52 3. [If a voting member of the board of governors of
53 Missouri State University is found by unanimous vote of the
54 other governors to have moved such governor's residence from
55 the district from which such governor was appointed, then
56 the office of such governor shall be forfeited and
57 considered vacant.

58 4. Should the total number of Missouri congressional
59 districts be altered, all members of the board of governors
60 of Missouri State University shall be allowed to serve the
61 remainder of the term for which such members were appointed.

62 5. Should the boundaries of any congressional
63 districts be altered in a manner that displaces a member of
64 the board of governors of Missouri State University from the
65 congressional district from which the member was appointed,
66 the member shall be allowed to serve the remainder of the
67 term for which the member was appointed.

68 6.] The governing board of Missouri Southern State
69 University shall be a board of governors consisting of nine
70 members, composed of eight voting members and one nonvoting
71 member as provided in sections 174.453 and 174.455, who
72 shall be appointed by the governor of Missouri, by and with
73 the advice and consent of the senate. No person shall be
74 appointed a voting member who is not a citizen of the United
75 States and who has not been a resident of the state of
76 Missouri for at least two years immediately prior to such
77 appointment. Not more than four voting members shall belong
78 to any one political party or reside in the county in which
79 the institution's principal administrative office is located.

80 [7.] 4. The governing board of Northwest Missouri
81 State University shall be a board of regents as provided in
82 section 174.332.

83 5. Not more than three voting members of the governing
84 board of the University of Central Missouri shall reside in
85 the county in which the institution's principal
86 administrative office is located.

174.453. 1. Except as provided in section 174.450 and
2 in [subsection] subsections 4, 5, and 6 of this section, the
3 board of governors shall be appointed as follows:

4 (1) Five voting members shall be selected from the
5 counties comprising the institution's historic statutory
6 service region as described in section 174.010, except that
7 no more than two members shall be appointed from any one

8 county with a population of less than two hundred thousand
9 inhabitants;

10 (2) Two voting members shall be selected from any of
11 the counties in the state which are outside of the
12 institution's historic service region; and

13 (3) One nonvoting member who is a student shall be
14 selected in the same manner as prescribed in section 174.055.

15 2. The term of service of the governors shall be as
16 follows:

17 (1) The voting members shall be appointed for terms of
18 six years; and

19 (2) The nonvoting student member shall serve a two-
20 year term.

21 3. Members of any board of governors selected pursuant
22 to this section and in office on May 13, 1999, shall serve
23 the remainder of their unexpired terms.

24 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of
25 this section, the board of governors of Missouri Southern
26 State University shall be appointed as follows:

27 (1) [Six voting members shall be selected from any of
28 the following counties: Barton, Jasper, Newton, McDonald,
29 Dade, Lawrence, and Barry provided that no more than three
30 of these six members shall be appointed from any one county;

31 (2) Two voting members shall be selected from any of
32 the counties in the state which are outside of the counties
33 articulated in subdivision (1) of this subsection;

34 (3) Not more than four voting members shall be
35 selected who reside in the county in which the institution's
36 principal administrative office is located; and

37 (2) One nonvoting member who is a student shall be
38 selected in the same manner as prescribed in section
39 174.055[; and

40 (4) The provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
41 subsection shall only apply to board members first appointed
42 after August 28, 2004].

43 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of
44 this section, the board of governors of Missouri Western
45 State University shall be composed of eight members
46 appointed as follows:

47 (1) Five voting members shall be selected from any of
48 the following counties: Buchanan, Platte, Clinton, Andrew,
49 and DeKalb;

50 (2) One nonvoting member who is a student shall be
51 selected in the same manner as prescribed in section
52 174.055; and

53 (3) The provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
54 subsection shall only apply to board members first appointed
55 after August 28, 2005.

56 6. [(1)] Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection
57 1 of this section to the contrary, the board of governors of
58 Southeast Missouri State University shall be appointed as
59 follows:

60 [(a) Two voting members shall be selected from any of
61 the following counties: Butler, Dunklin, Mississippi, New
62 Madrid, Pemiscot, Scott, or Stoddard;

63 (b) Two voting members shall be selected from any of
64 the following counties: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison,
65 Perry, Ste. Genevieve, or St. Francois;

66 (c) Two voting members shall be selected from any of
67 the following counties or areas: Franklin, Jefferson,
68 Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis City, or Warren;

69 (d) One voting member shall be selected from one of
70 the counties in the state; and

71 (e)] (1) Seven voting members shall be selected, not
72 more than three of whom shall reside in the county in which

73 the institution's principal administrative office is
74 located; and

75 (2) One nonvoting member who is a student shall be
76 selected in the same manner as provided in section 174.055.

77 [(2) The provisions of paragraphs (a) to (c) of
78 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall only apply to board
79 members first appointed after August 28, 2021.]

174.610. The governing board of the Truman State
2 University shall be a board of governors consisting of ten
3 members, composed of seven voting members and three
4 nonvoting members as provided in section 174.620, who shall
5 be appointed by the governor of Missouri, by and with the
6 advice and consent of the senate. No person shall be
7 appointed a voting governor who is not a citizen of the
8 United States and who has not been a resident of the state
9 of Missouri for at least two years immediately prior to such
10 person's appointment. Not more than four voting governors
11 shall belong to any one political party. Not more than
12 three voting governors shall reside in the county in which
13 the institution's principal administrative office is
14 located. The appointed members of the board of regents
15 serving on January 1, 1986, shall become members of the
16 board of governors on January 1, 1986, and serve until the
17 expiration of the terms for which they were appointed.

175.020. The board of curators of Lincoln University
2 of Missouri shall hereafter consist of nine members who
3 shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice
4 and consent of the senate. No person shall be appointed a
5 curator who shall not be a citizen of the United States and
6 who shall not have been a resident of the state of Missouri
7 two years next prior to his or her appointment. Not more
8 than five curators shall belong to any one political party,
9 and not more than four curators shall reside in the county

10 in which the institution's principal administrative office
11 is located.

178.530. 1. The state board of education shall
2 establish standards and annually inspect, as a basis for
3 approval, all public prevocational, vocational schools,
4 State Technical College of Missouri, departments and classes
5 receiving state or federal moneys for giving training in
6 agriculture, industrial, home economics and commercial
7 subjects and all schools, departments and classes receiving
8 state or federal moneys for the preparation of teachers and
9 supervisors of such subjects. The public prevocational and
10 vocational schools, State Technical College of Missouri,
11 departments, and classes, and the training schools,
12 departments and classes are entitled to the state or federal
13 moneys so long as they are approved by the state board of
14 education, as to site, plant, equipment, qualifications of
15 teachers, admission of pupils, courses of study and methods
16 of instruction. All disbursements of state or federal
17 moneys for the benefit of the approved prevocational and
18 vocational schools, State Technical College of Missouri,
19 departments and classes shall be made semiannually. The
20 school board of each approved school or the governing body
21 of State Technical College of Missouri shall file a report
22 with the state board of education at the times and in the
23 form that the state board requires. Upon receipt of a
24 satisfactory report, the state board of education shall
25 certify to the commissioner of administration for [his] the
26 commissioner's approval the amount of the state and federal
27 moneys due the school district or State Technical College of
28 Missouri. The amount due the school district shall be
29 certified by the commissioner of administration and proper
30 warrant therefor shall be issued to the district treasurer
31 or State Technical College of Missouri.

32 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of
33 this section, the state board of education shall establish
34 standards for agricultural education that may be adopted by
35 a private school accredited by an agency recognized by the
36 United States Department of Education as an accreditor of
37 private schools that wishes to provide quality vocational
38 programming outside the requirements of, but consistent
39 with, the federal Vocational Education Act. Such standards
40 shall be sufficient to qualify a private school to apply to
41 the state chapter for approval of a local chapter of a
42 federally chartered national agricultural education
43 association on a form developed for that purpose by the
44 department of elementary and secondary education without
45 eligibility to receive state or federal funding for
46 agricultural vocational education. The provisions of this
47 subsection shall not be construed to create eligibility for
48 a private school to receive state or federal funding for
49 agricultural vocational education, but shall not prohibit a
50 private school from receiving state or federal funds for
51 which such private school would otherwise be eligible for
52 agricultural vocational education. Any such private school
53 shall reimburse the department annually for the cost of
54 oversight and maintenance of the program.

55 3. (1) The department of elementary and secondary
56 education, through its agricultural education section, shall
57 be authorized to establish a [pilot] program, beginning in
58 the [2020-21] 2027-28 school year, to provide for
59 agricultural education in elementary schools in the state.
60 [The purpose of the pilot program shall be to determine
61 whether and how to implement an elementary agricultural
62 education program statewide.]

63 (2) (a) The department, through its employees who
64 work in the agricultural education section, [is authorized

65 to select from among applications submitted by the public
66 elementary schools a minimum of sixteen public elementary
67 schools for participation in the pilot program. The
68 department] shall develop [an application] a process for
69 public elementary schools to [apply to] participate in the
70 [pilot] program.

71 (b) The local school board for each elementary school
72 [selected] that elects to be in the [pilot] program shall
73 agree to implement and fully fund an elementary agricultural
74 education program in such school and [to continue to provide
75 such elementary agricultural education program for a period
76 no shorter than three years. The local school district] may
77 employ an agricultural education teacher to provide such
78 program for the elementary school.

79 (3) The department, through its employees who work in
80 the agricultural education section, [and local school
81 districts] shall [collaborate to] establish [the]
82 instructional [model] models for [each] the elementary
83 agricultural education program in conjunction and
84 collaboration with Missouri agricultural commodity groups
85 and organizations that promote and support Missouri
86 agriculture. Such instructional [model] models shall be
87 grade-appropriate and include instruction in an organized
88 classroom, collaborative learning experiences through
89 investigation and inquiry, including laboratory and site-
90 based learning activities, and personal, leadership, and
91 career development opportunities.

92 (4) The department, through its agricultural education
93 section, shall provide for a program evaluation regarding
94 the success and impact of the [pilot] program [upon
95 completion of the third year of the pilot program] and shall
96 report the results of such evaluation [to the relevant house

97 and senate committees on agriculture and education] on the
98 department's website.

99 4. The department shall maintain an adequate number of
100 full-time employees, certified in agricultural education and
101 distributed regionally throughout the state, to provide
102 accountability for program delivery of agricultural
103 education, to continue to develop and maintain pertinent
104 agricultural education instructional models and standards,
105 to assist local school districts on matters related to
106 agricultural education, and to coordinate regional and
107 statewide activities supporting K-12 agricultural education
108 programming.

109 5. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
110 require public elementary schools to participate in the
111 [pilot] program.

112 6. The requirements of section 160.514 shall not apply
113 to the provisions of this section.

178.632. The governing board of State Technical
2 College of Missouri shall be a board of regents composed of
3 seven voting members and one nonvoting student member. Such
4 members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice
5 and consent of the senate after August 28, 1995, and after
6 the conditions of section 178.631 are satisfied. No person
7 shall be appointed to the board who is not a citizen of the
8 United States and who has not been a resident of the state
9 of Missouri for at least two years immediately prior to his
10 appointment. Not less than three voting members shall
11 belong to one of the two major political parties and not
12 less than three shall belong to the other major political
13 party. Not more than [two voting members shall reside in
14 Osage County or other immediately contiguous counties] three
15 voting members shall reside in the county in which the
16 institution's principal administrative office is located.