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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you House Bill No. 373, entitled:

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the general educational development revolving fund.

I disapprove of House Bill No. 373. My reasons for disapproval are as follows:

House Bill No. 373 unnecessarily creates another fund within the State Treasury. The State Treasury is already burdened with more than 460 separate funds. The fund created in House Bill No. 373, known as the "General Educational Development (GED) Revolving Fund," would consist of moneys from fees charged to GED test applicants and examinees. By creating a dedicated revolving fund, the expectation of program self-sufficiency will put additional upward pressure on program and administrative fees. As a result, the program should continue to operate within the normal appropriations process, where legislative oversight can continue to exist.

In accordance with the above stated reasons for disapproval, I am returning House Bill No. 373 without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon".

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor