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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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AN ACT

To repeal sections 161.415 and 640.240, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to scholarships to be administered by the department of higher education.

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

Section A. Sections 161.415 and 640.240, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 161.415 and 173.240, to read as follows:

161.415. 1. Within the limits of amounts appropriated therefor, the department of
2 [elementary and secondary] **higher** education shall make available up to one hundred one-year,
3 renewable scholarships in an amount of two thousand dollars to minority students for the purpose
4 of encouraging minority students to enter teaching. Such scholarships shall be available to
5 minority high school graduates and college students who are residents of Missouri, and who
6 enter and make a commitment to pursue a teacher education program approved by the
7 department of elementary and secondary education and offered by a four-year college or
8 university located in Missouri, or who after the completion of their baccalaureate degree enter
9 teacher education and make a commitment to teach science or mathematics, and who have:

10 (1) Achieved scores on an accepted standardized test of academic ability, including, but
11 not limited to, the SAT, ACT, SCAT, which place them at or above the seventy-fifth percentile;
12 and

13 (2) A high school rank at or above the seventy-fifth percentile.

14 2. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of scholarships or revenues available,
15 the department of [elementary and secondary] **higher** education may consider the financial needs
16 of the applicant.

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.

17 3. Any college or university located in Missouri which offers a teacher education
18 program approved by the department of elementary and secondary education, and wishes to have
19 the scholarships provided pursuant to this section made available to eligible applicants for
20 admittance to such college or university, must provide matching funds to match one dollar for
21 every two dollars made available by the state pursuant to this section for students attending the
22 college or university. Such matching funds shall not be taken from money made available to the
23 college or university from state funds. The total scholarship available to any one student from
24 state and from college and university sources pursuant to such match program shall be three
25 thousand dollars per year.

26 4. A recipient shall be eligible for a renewed scholarship for a maximum of three
27 additional years. Eligibility for renewed scholarships shall be based on criteria established by
28 the colleges of education and the department of [elementary and secondary] **higher** education.

29 5. As used in this section the term "minority" includes Asian Americans, Hispanic
30 Americans, Native Americans and African Americans.

31 6. The scholarships provided in subsection 1 of this section shall be available to
32 otherwise eligible students who are currently enrolled in a community college and make a
33 commitment to pursue a teacher education program approved by the department of elementary
34 and secondary education and offered by a four-year college or university located in Missouri.

**173.240. 1. There is hereby established within the department of higher education
2 a "Minority and Underrepresented Environmental Literacy Program". The department
3 of higher education, hereafter referred to as the department, may award scholarships to
4 minority and underrepresented students to pursue environmentally related courses of
5 study. The scholarships shall be administered by the department recruitment and
6 retention program under the supervision of the minority environmental literacy advisory
7 committee established under this section. Those ethnic groups which are most severely
8 underrepresented, as determined by data gathered and maintained by the National
9 Academy of Sciences, shall receive priority in annual selection.**

10 **2. For the purpose of increasing the number of minority and underrepresented
11 students, as determined by the National Academy of Sciences, who are enrolled in
12 environmentally related courses of study, there is hereby created a "Recruitment and
13 Retention Scholarship Fund". Any unexpended balance in the recruitment and retention
14 scholarship fund shall not be subject to biennial transfer under the provisions of section
15 33.080. All interest earned on funds in the recruitment and retention scholarship fund
16 shall accrue to the fund.**

17 **3. The general assembly may appropriate funds to the department for the purpose
18 of funding scholarships as authorized by this section. Such funds shall be from general
19 revenue, special fees administered by the department, federal funding sources, gifts, or
20 donations, provided that such funds may be used for this purpose. All sums received for**

21 this purpose shall be placed in the state treasury and credited to the recruitment and
22 retention scholarship fund.

23 **4. The department shall accept, receive and administer grants or other funds, gifts,**
24 **or donations from the public and individuals, including the federal government, for the**
25 **purpose of funding scholarships under this section. Such funds shall be deposited in the**
26 **recruitment and retention scholarship fund.**

27 **5. The department shall promulgate rules to administer the scholarship program,**
28 **which shall include qualifications, application forms, annual filing deadlines, and**
29 **scholarship amounts. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section**
30 **536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective**
31 **only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if**
32 **applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of**
33 **the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay**
34 **the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**
35 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted**
36 **after August 28, 2010, shall be invalid and void.**

37 **6. The scholarship program shall be directed toward students in the following areas**
38 **of study:**

39 **(1) Engineering students pursuing an environmental course of study through**
40 **undergraduate and graduate degrees in civil, chemical, mechanical, environmental, or**
41 **biological engineering;**

42 **(2) Environmental sciences students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees**
43 **in geology, biology, wildlife management, planning, natural resources, or a closely related**
44 **course of study;**

45 **(3) Chemistry students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in the field**
46 **of environmental chemistry; and**

47 **(4) Law enforcement students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in**
48 **environmental law enforcement.**

49 **7. There is hereby created a "Minority Environmental Literacy Advisory**
50 **Committee", hereafter referred to as the committee, to be comprised of:**

51 **(1) The commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee, who will**
52 **serve as chairperson of the committee;**

53 **(2) Three representatives of universities and colleges. The universities and colleges**
54 **shall be selected by the department, with the approval of the director of the department**
55 **of natural resources. The university and college representatives shall each be appointed**
56 **by the affirmative action office of the respective institution;**

57 **(3) The director of the department of natural resources or the director's designee;**

58 **(4) Five at-large members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent**
59 **of the senate, who shall be high school teachers and college professors and who shall be**
60 **selected to represent the various regions of the state;**

61 **(5) The state affirmative action officer.**

62 **8. The committee shall meet at least annually, at a time and place to be determined**
63 **by the chairperson, to select students to receive scholarships from applications filed with**
64 **the department retention and recruitment program. The members appointed by the**
65 **governor shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses.**

66 **9. Colleges and universities described in this section shall include public community**
67 **colleges.**

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3 environmental quality a "Minority and Underrepresented Environmental Literacy
4 Program". The department of natural resources, hereafter referred to as the
5 department, may award scholarships to minority and underrepresented students
6 to pursue environmentally related courses of study. The scholarships shall be
7 administered by the division of environmental quality recruitment and retention
8 program under the supervision of the minority environmental literacy advisory
9 committee established under this section. Those ethnic groups which are most
10 severely underrepresented, as determined by data gathered and maintained by the
11 National Academy of Sciences, shall receive priority in annual selection.

12 2. For the purpose of increasing the number of minority and
13 underrepresented students, as determined by the National Academy of Sciences,
14 who are enrolled in environmentally related courses of study, there is hereby
15 created a "Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Fund". Any unexpended
16 balance in the recruitment and retention scholarship fund shall not be subject to
17 biennial transfer pursuant to the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo. All interest
18 earned on funds in the recruitment and retention scholarship fund shall accrue to
19 the fund.

20 3. The general assembly may appropriate funds to the department for the
21 purpose of funding scholarships as authorized by this section. Such funds shall
22 be from general revenue, special fees administered by the department, federal
23 funding sources, gifts or donations, provided that such funds may be used for this
24 purpose. All sums received for this purpose shall be placed in the state treasury
25 and credited to the recruitment and retention scholarship fund.

26 4. The department shall accept, receive and administer grants or other
27 funds, gifts or donations from the public and individuals, including the federal
28 government, for the purpose of funding scholarships under this section. Such
29 funds shall be deposited in the recruitment and retention scholarship fund.

30 5. The department shall promulgate rules to administer the scholarship
31 program, which shall include qualifications, application forms, annual filing
32 deadlines, and scholarship amounts.

33 6. The scholarship program shall be directed toward students in the
following areas of study:

34 (1) Engineering students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees
35 in civil, chemical, mechanical, or agricultural engineering;

36 (2) Environmental sciences students pursuing undergraduate and
37 graduate degrees in geology, biology, wildlife management, planning, natural
38 resources, or a closely related course of study;

39 (3) Chemistry students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in
40 the field of environmental chemistry; and

41 (4) Law enforcement students pursuing undergraduate and graduate
42 degrees in environmental law enforcement.

43 7. There is hereby created a "Minority Environmental Literacy Advisory
44 Committee", hereafter referred to as the committee, to be comprised of:

45 (1) The director of the department of natural resources or the director's
46 designee, who will serve as chairperson of the committee;

47 (2) Three representatives of universities and colleges. The university and
48 college representatives shall each be appointed by the affirmative action office
49 of the respective institution;

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51 designee;

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53 consent of the senate, who shall be high school teachers and college professors
54 and who shall be selected to represent the various regions of the state;

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57 determined by the chairperson, to select students to receive scholarships from
58 applications filed with the division of environmental quality retention and
59 recruitment program. The members appointed by the governor shall be
60 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses.

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62 community colleges.]

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