

HOUSE _____ **AMENDMENT NO.** _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 0563,
2 Page 8, Section 173.670, Line 34, by inserting immediately after said line the following:

3 "173.1400. 1. The state of Missouri hereby authorizes
4 accredited Missouri colleges and universities to issue on behalf
5 of the state a document of school social work program
6 verification and acknowledgment of completion to any individual
7 who has obtained a degree in social work from an accredited
8 college or university and who:

9 (1) Holds a credential in school social work issued by a
10 nationally recognized credentialing organization in social work;
11 or

12 (2) Demonstrates competency in school social work by
13 successful passage of a school social worker examination approved
14 by the state committee for social workers established in section
15 337.622 and administered by the accredited college or university.

16 2. The department of higher education shall develop a form,
17 available upon request to Missouri colleges and universities,
18 containing the following information:

19 (1) The words "State of Missouri";

20 (2) The seal of the state of Missouri;

21 (3) A place for inclusion of the name of the issuing
22 accredited Missouri college or university awarding the document;

23 (4) A statement of the criteria outlined in subsection 1 of
24 this section;

25 (5) A place for inclusion of the name of the individual who
26 has applied for the school social work program verification and
27 acknowledgment of completion;

28 (6) A place for inclusion of the date of issuance;

29 (7) A place for the signatures of a college or university
30 official and an official from the state department of higher
31 education; and

1 (8) A footnote stating: "No person shall hold himself or
2 herself out to be a social worker unless such person has met the
3 requirements of section 337.604.".

4 3. The accredited Missouri college or university may issue
5 a document on the state's behalf to any person making application
6 as a credentialed school social worker provided such person meets
7 the qualifications contained in this section."; and

8 Further amend said bill, Page 11, Section 174.450, Line 66, by inserting immediately after
9 said line the following:

10 "337.647. 1. The committee shall develop a school social
11 work program verification and acknowledgment of completion for
12 individuals who have met the requirements set forth in this
13 section.

14 2. The committee shall issue a document similar to the
15 document described in subsection 2 of section 173.1400 to any
16 individual who:

17 (1) Submits an application to the board;

18 (2) Holds a credential in school social work issued by a
19 nationally recognized credentialing organization in social work,
20 or demonstrates competency in school social work by successful
21 passage of a school social worker exam approved by the committee;

22 (3) Holds a license issued by the committee; and

23 (4) Submits the fee as required by rule of the committee.

24 3. The committee shall promulgate rules and shall charge
25 fees necessary to implement this section. Any rule or portion of
26 a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
27 created under the authority delegated in this section shall
28 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all
29 of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
30 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if
31 any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to
32 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
33 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
34 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any
35 rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2012, shall be invalid
36 and void.

37 4. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
38 any school social work program verification and acknowledgment of
39 completion issued by the committee under subsection 2 of this

1 section shall not be deemed a license, certificate, registration
2 or permit for any purpose, and such documents convey no authority
3 to practice social work in Missouri and convey no authority to
4 use any social work title in Missouri. Each school social work
5 program verification and acknowledgment of completion issued by
6 the committee under subsection 2 of this section shall state on
7 its face that it:

8 (1) Is not a license, certificate, registration or permit;

9 (2) Conveys no authority to practice social work in
10 Missouri; and

11 (3) Conveys no authority to use any social work title in
12 Missouri.

13 5. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
14 school social work program verification and acknowledgment of
15 completion issued by the committee under subsection 2 of this
16 section shall not:

17 (1) Expire;

18 (2) Be subject to renewal;

19 (3) Be subject to denial or discipline under section
20 337.630;

21 (4) Be subject to suspension under section 324.010; and

22 (5) Be subject to any other action to which professional
23 licenses may be subjected."; and

24 Further amend said bill, Page 18, Section B, Line 6, by
25 inserting after all of said line the following:

26 "Section C. Because of the need to provide school social
27 work program verification and acknowledgement of completion
28 before the start of the 2012-2013 school year, the enactment of
29 section 173.1400 of this act is deemed necessary for the
30 immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and
31 safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the
32 meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of section
33 173.1400 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its
34 passage."; and

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36 Further amend said title, enacting clause and intersectional references accordingly.
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