

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1855

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

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

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 173.670, to read as follows:

173.670. 1. **There is hereby established within the department of higher education the "Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Initiative". The department of higher education may award matching funds through this initiative to public institutions of higher education as part of the annual appropriations process.**

2. **The purpose of the initiative shall be to provide support to increase interest among elementary, secondary, and university students in fields of study related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and to increase the number of Missouri graduates in these fields at Missouri's public two-and four-year institutions of higher education.**

3. **There is hereby created a "Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fund", which shall consist of money collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180. Upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely for**

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.

14 the administration of this section. Any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the  
15 biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer  
16 shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any  
17 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

18 4. The general assembly may appropriate funds to the science, technology,  
19 engineering, and mathematics fund to match institution funds to support the following  
20 programs:

21 (1) Endowed teaching professor programs, which provide funds to support faculty  
22 who teach undergraduate courses in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics fields  
23 at public institutions of higher education;

24 (2) Scholarship programs, which provide financial aid or loan forgiveness awards  
25 to Missouri students who study in the science, technology, engineering, or mathematics  
26 fields or who plan to enter the teaching field in Missouri with an emphasis on science,  
27 technology, engineering, and mathematics areas;

28 (3) Experiential youth programs at public colleges or universities, designed to  
29 provide Missouri middle school and junior high school students with the opportunity to  
30 experience science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields through camps or  
31 other educational offerings;

32 (4) Career enhancement programs for current elementary and secondary teachers  
33 and professors at Missouri public and private colleges and universities in the science,  
34 technology, engineering, or mathematics fields to improve the quality of teaching.

35 5. Any taxpayer hiring a person who is currently enrolled as a student majoring in  
36 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics, at any two-year or four-year public or  
37 private Missouri college or university, to fill an internship position in the fields of science,  
38 technology, engineering, or mathematics, may apply to have up to five thousand dollars of  
39 the taxpayer's state tax liability removed from the general fund and placed in the science,  
40 technology, engineering, and mathematics fund established in subsection 3 of this section.  
41 For purposes of this subsection, "state tax liability" means in the case of a business  
42 taxpayer, any liability incurred by such taxpayer under the provisions of chapters 143, 147,  
43 148, and 153, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, and  
44 related provisions, and in the case of an individual taxpayer, any liability incurred by such  
45 taxpayer under the provisions of chapter 143. The department of higher education shall  
46 establish a procedure for approving applications under this section. The cumulative  
47 amount of taxes transferred to the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fund  
48 under this subsection shall not exceed an annual total of fifty thousand dollars from all  
49 participating taxpayers. In the event a donation is made to the fund from a third party,

50 that donation shall not count towards the fifty thousand dollar annual limit. In order to  
51 qualify for purposes of this subsection, the internship shall be:

52 (1) Located within the state of Missouri; and

53 (2) For a duration of at least twelve weeks and consist of at least fifteen hours of  
54 work per week.

55 6. The department may promulgate rules and regulations for the administration  
56 of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that  
57 is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it  
58 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,  
59 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers  
60 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective  
61 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the  
62 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2012,  
63 shall be invalid and void.

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