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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the establishment of a workforce investment scholarship program.

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

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 173.1575 and 173.1577, to read as follows:

173.1575. 1. The provisions of sections 173.1575 and 173.1577 shall be known and cited as the "Missouri Workforce Investment Scholarship Act".

2. As used in sections 173.1575 and 173.1577, the following terms mean:

(1) "Board", the coordinating board for higher education;

(2) "Eligible postsecondary institution", any public or private two-year institution of higher education, including community colleges and two-year private vocational or technical schools;

(3) "Gift aid", scholarships and grants from any source that do not require repayment, including funds provided through the federal Foster Care Independence Act of 1999, compiled generally in Title 42 U.S.C., and other similar programs; student loans and work-study awards shall not be considered gift aid;

(4) "Half-time student", a student at an eligible postsecondary institution who is enrolled for at least six semester hours during each semester of attendance;

(5) "Resident", a resident of this state as determined under standards promulgated as provided under section 173.005.

3. The coordinating board for higher education shall administer the Missouri workforce investment scholarship program for Missouri residents seeking an associate's

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.

18 degree, certificate, or diploma from an eligible postsecondary institution under the
19 following terms and conditions:

20 (1) To be eligible for the scholarship a student shall be admitted to and enrolled at
21 least half-time in an eligible postsecondary institution;

22 (2) Students applying for the scholarship shall complete the Missouri workforce
23 investment scholarship application in their initial year of enrollment. Students shall
24 complete the free application for federal student aid each academic year in which they seek
25 to receive the Missouri workforce investment scholarship;

26 (3) To continue to receive a Missouri workforce investment scholarship, a student
27 shall maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the rules and regulations
28 promulgated by the board;

29 (4) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly, a Missouri
30 workforce investment scholarship shall be the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at the
31 eligible postsecondary institution attended less all other gift aid, as defined in subsection
32 2 of this section. Gift aid shall be credited first to the student's tuition and mandatory fees;

33 (5) The student shall be eligible for the scholarship until the student has earned a
34 certificate, diploma, or associate degree.

35 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, students who participate in the A+
36 schools program, as defined in section 160.545, shall not be considered eligible for a
37 scholarship under the Missouri workforce investment scholarship program.

173.1577. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Missouri Workforce
2 Investment Scholarship Fund", which shall consist of money appropriated annually by the
3 general assembly from general revenue and any gifts, bequests, or donations. The state
4 treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180,
5 the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and,
6 upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of the
7 Missouri workforce investment scholarship program. Notwithstanding the provisions of
8 section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the
9 biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer
10 shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any
11 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

12 2. The coordinating board for higher education shall promulgate rules to
13 implement the provisions of sections 173.1575 and 173.1577. Any rule or portion of a rule,
14 as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in
15 this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
16 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536

17 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to
18 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
19 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
20 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2015, shall be invalid and void.

21 **3. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

22 **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under sections 173.1575 and**
23 **173.1577 shall automatically sunset six years after the effective date of sections 173.1575**
24 **and 173.1577 unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and**

25 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under sections**
26 **173.1575 and 173.1577 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the**
27 **reauthorization of sections 173.1575 and 173.1577; and**

28 **(3) Sections 173.1575 and 173.1577 shall terminate on September first of the**
29 **calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized**
30 **under sections 173.1575 and 173.1577 is sunset.**

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