

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 355,
2 Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by inserting after all of said line the following:

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4 "173.1101. The financial assistance program established under sections 173.1101 to
5 173.1107 shall be hereafter known as the "Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program". The
6 coordinating board and all approved private, ~~and~~ public, and virtual institutions in this state shall
7 refer to the financial assistance program established under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107 as the
8 access Missouri student financial assistance program in their scholarship literature, provided that no
9 institution shall be required to revise or amend any such literature to comply with this section prior
10 to the date such literature would otherwise be revised, amended, reprinted or replaced in the
11 ordinary course of such institution's business.

12 173.1102. 1. As used in sections 173.1101 to 173.1107, unless the context requires
13 otherwise, the following terms mean:

14 (1) "Academic year", the period from July first of any year through June thirtieth of the
15 following year;

16 (2) "Approved private institution", a nonprofit institution, dedicated to educational
17 purposes, located in Missouri which:

18 (a) Is operated privately under the control of an independent board and not directly
19 controlled or administered by any public agency or political subdivision;

20 (b) Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at least six months in length leading to or
21 directly creditable toward a certificate or degree;

22 (c) Meets the standards for accreditation as determined by either the Higher Learning
23 Commission or by other accrediting bodies recognized by the United States Department of
24 Education or by utilizing accreditation standards applicable to nondegree-granting institutions as
25 established by the coordinating board for higher education;

26 (d) Does not discriminate in the hiring of administrators, faculty and staff or in the
27 admission of students on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin and is in
28 compliance with the Federal Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 and executive orders issued
29 pursuant thereto. Sex discrimination as used herein shall not apply to admission practices of
30 institutions offering the enrollment limited to one sex;

31 (e) Permits faculty members to select textbooks without influence or pressure by any
32 religious or sectarian source;

33 (3) "Approved public institution", an educational institution located in Missouri which:

34 (a) Is directly controlled or administered by a public agency or political subdivision;

35 (b) Receives appropriations directly or indirectly from the general assembly for operating
36 expenses;

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1 (c) Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at least six months in length leading to or
2 directly creditable toward a degree or certificate;

3 (d) Meets the standards for accreditation as determined by either the Higher Learning
4 Commission, or if a public community college created under the provisions of sections 178.370 to
5 178.400 meets the standards established by the coordinating board for higher education for such
6 public community colleges, or by other accrediting bodies recognized by the United States
7 Department of Education or by utilizing accreditation standards applicable to the institution as
8 established by the coordinating board for higher education;

9 (e) Does not discriminate in the hiring of administrators, faculty and staff or in the
10 admission of students on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin and is otherwise in
11 compliance with the Federal Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 and executive orders issued
12 pursuant thereto;

13 (f) Permits faculty members to select textbooks without influence or pressure by any
14 religious or sectarian source;

15 (4) "Approved virtual institution", an educational institution that meets all of the following
16 requirements:

17 (a) Is recognized as a qualifying institution by gubernatorial executive order, unless such
18 order is rescinded;

19 (b) Is recognized as a qualifying institution through a memorandum of understanding
20 between the state of Missouri and the approved virtual institution;

21 (c) Is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States
22 Department of Education;

23 (d) Has established and continuously maintains a physical campus or location of operation
24 within the state of Missouri;

25 (e) Maintains at least twenty-five full-time Missouri employees, at least one-half of which
26 shall be faculty or administrators engaged in operations;

27 (f) Enrolls at least one thousand Missouri residents as degree or certificate seeking students;

28 (g) Maintains a governing body or advisory board based in Missouri with oversight of
29 Missouri operations;

30 (h) Is organized as a nonprofit institution; and

31 (i) Utilizes an exclusively competency-based education model;

32 (5) "Coordinating board", the coordinating board for higher education;

33 [(5)] (6) "Expected family contribution", the amount of money a student and family should
34 pay toward the cost of postsecondary education as calculated by the United States Department of
35 Education and reported on the student aid report or the institutional student information record;

36 [(6)] (7) "Financial assistance", an amount of money paid by the state of Missouri to a
37 qualified applicant under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107;

38 [(7)] (8) "Full-time student", an individual who is enrolled in and is carrying a sufficient
39 number of credit hours or their equivalent at an approved private, [ø] public, or virtual institution
40 to secure the degree or certificate toward which he or she is working in no more than the number of
41 semesters or their equivalent normally required by that institution in the program in which the
42 individual is enrolled. This definition shall be construed as the successor to subdivision (7) of
43 section 173.205 for purposes of eligibility requirements of other financial assistance programs that
44 refer to section 173.205.

45 2. The failure of an approved virtual institution to continuously maintain all of the
46 requirements in subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this section shall preclude such institution's
47 students or applicants from being eligible for assistance under sections 173.1104 and 173.1105.

48 173.1104. 1. An applicant shall be eligible for initial or renewed financial assistance only

1 if, at the time of application and throughout the period during which the applicant is receiving such
2 assistance, the applicant:

- 3 (1) Is a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States;
- 4 (2) Is a resident of the state of Missouri, as determined by reference to standards
5 promulgated by the coordinating board;
- 6 (3) Is enrolled, or has been accepted for enrollment, as a full-time undergraduate student in
7 an approved private, ~~or~~ public, or virtual institution; and
- 8 (4) Is not enrolled or does not intend to use the award to enroll in a course of study leading
9 to a degree in theology or divinity.

10 2. If an applicant is found guilty of or pleads guilty to any criminal offense during the
11 period of time in which the applicant is receiving financial assistance, such applicant shall not be
12 eligible for renewal of such assistance, provided such offense would disqualify the applicant from
13 receiving federal student aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

14 3. Financial assistance shall be allotted for one academic year, but a recipient shall be
15 eligible for renewed assistance until he or she has obtained a baccalaureate degree, provided such
16 financial assistance shall not exceed a total of ten semesters or fifteen quarters or their equivalent.
17 Standards of eligibility for renewed assistance shall be the same as for an initial award of financial
18 assistance, except that for renewal, an applicant shall demonstrate a grade-point average of two and
19 five-tenths on a four-point scale, or the equivalent on another scale. This subsection shall be
20 construed as the successor to section 173.215 for purposes of eligibility requirements of other
21 financial assistance programs that refer to section 173.215.

22 173.1105. 1. An applicant who is an undergraduate postsecondary student at an approved
23 private, ~~or~~ public, or virtual institution and who meets the other eligibility criteria shall be eligible
24 for financial assistance, with a minimum and maximum award amount as follows:

- 25 (1) For academic years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14:
 - 26 (a) One thousand dollars maximum and three hundred dollars minimum for students
27 attending institutions classified as part of the public two-year sector;
 - 28 (b) Two thousand one hundred fifty dollars maximum and one thousand dollars minimum
29 for students attending institutions classified as part of the public four-year sector, including State
30 Technical College of Missouri; and
 - 31 (c) Four thousand six hundred dollars maximum and two thousand dollars minimum for
32 students attending approved private institutions;
- 33 (2) For the 2014-15 academic year and subsequent years:
 - 34 (a) One thousand three hundred dollars maximum and three hundred dollars minimum for
35 students attending institutions classified as part of the public two-year sector; and
 - 36 (b) Two thousand eight hundred fifty dollars maximum and one thousand five hundred
37 dollars minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public four-year sector,
38 including State Technical College of Missouri, ~~or~~ approved private institutions, or approved
39 virtual institutions.

40 2. All students with an expected family contribution of twelve thousand dollars or less shall
41 receive at least the minimum award amount for his or her institution. Maximum award amounts for
42 an eligible student with an expected family contribution above seven thousand dollars shall be
43 reduced by ten percent of the maximum expected family contribution for his or her increment
44 group. Any award amount shall be reduced by the amount of a student's payment from the A+
45 schools program or any successor program to it. For purposes of this subsection, the term
46 "increment group" shall mean a group organized by expected family contribution in five hundred
47 dollar increments into which all eligible students shall be placed.

48 3. If appropriated funds are insufficient to fund the program as described, the maximum

1 award shall be reduced across all sectors by the percentage of the shortfall. If appropriated funds
2 exceed the amount necessary to fund the program, the additional funds shall be used to increase the
3 number of recipients by raising the cutoff for the expected family contribution rather than by
4 increasing the size of the award.

5 4. Every three years, beginning with academic year 2009-10, the award amount may be
6 adjusted to increase no more than the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U),
7 1982-1984 = 100, not seasonally adjusted, as defined and officially recorded by the United States
8 Department of Labor, or its successor agency, for the previous academic year. The coordinating
9 board shall prepare a report prior to the legislative session for use of the general assembly and the
10 governor in determining budget requests which shall include the amount of funds necessary to
11 maintain full funding of the program based on the baseline established for the program upon the
12 effective date of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107. Any increase in the award amount shall not
13 become effective unless an increase in the amount of money appropriated to the program necessary
14 to cover the increase in award amount is passed by the general assembly.

15 173.1107. A recipient of financial assistance may transfer from one approved public
16 ~~[or]~~, private, or virtual institution to another without losing eligibility for assistance under sections
17 173.1101 to 173.1107, but the coordinating board shall make any necessary adjustments in the
18 amount of the award. If a recipient of financial assistance at any time is entitled to a refund of any
19 tuition, fees, or other charges under the rules and regulations of the institution in which he or she is
20 enrolled, the institution shall pay the portion of the refund which may be attributed to the state grant
21 to the coordinating board. The coordinating board will use these refunds to make additional awards
22 under the provisions of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107."; and
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24 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
25 accordingly.