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AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the urban flight 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 one new section, to be known as section 173.232, to read as follows:

173.232. 1. There is hereby established the "Urban Flight Scholarship Program", which shall be administered by the department of elementary and secondary education. The program shall, upon appropriation, provide scholarships, subject to the eligibility criteria enumerated in this section, for eligible students who enter a teacher education program and make a commitment to teach as a condition of receiving such scholarship.

2. Subject to appropriation, each year the department of elementary and secondary education shall make available to eligible students up to one hundred four-year urban flight scholarships in an amount that encompasses one hundred percent of the total cost of eligible students' tuition and fees at a four-year college or university located in Missouri. Seventy-five percent of such amount shall be paid by funds appropriated to the

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.

11 department, and twenty-five percent of such amount shall be paid by the local school
12 district in which the student agrees to teach.

13 **3. As used in this section, the term "eligible student" shall mean an individual who:**

14 **(1) Is a United States citizen and a Missouri resident who attended a Missouri high**
15 **school;**

16 **(2) Enters and makes a commitment to pursue a teacher education program**
17 **approved by the department of elementary and secondary education and offered by a**
18 **four-year college or university located in Missouri;**

19 **(3) Signs an agreement with the department of elementary and secondary education**
20 **and a local school district in which the recipient agrees to teach in an urban or**
21 **metropolitan Missouri public school, the population of which includes a higher than**
22 **average "at-risk student population", as such term shall be defined by the department of**
23 **elementary and secondary education, for two years for every one year the recipient**
24 **received the urban flight scholarship;**

25 **(4) Has graduated from high school with a cumulative grade point average of at**
26 **least two and one-half on a four-point scale or equivalent;**

27 **(5) Maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least two and one-half on a**
28 **four-point scale or equivalent.**

29 **4. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of scholarships or revenues**
30 **available, the department of elementary and secondary education may consider the**
31 **financial needs of the applicant.**

32 **5. The scholarships provided in this section shall be available to otherwise eligible**
33 **students who either:**

34 **(1) Are currently enrolled in a community college and make a commitment to**
35 **pursue a teacher education program approved by the department of elementary and**
36 **secondary education and offered by a four-year college or university located in Missouri;**
37 **or**

38 **(2) Have completed their baccalaureate degree and agree to enter a teacher**
39 **education program and make a commitment to pursue a teacher education program**
40 **approved by the department of elementary and secondary education and offered by a**
41 **four-year college or university located in Missouri.**

42 **6. Every eligible student receiving scholarships under this section shall teach in an**
43 **elementary or secondary public school in Missouri as provided in subdivision (3) of**
44 **subsection 3 of this section. The student shall teach for a period of two years for every one**
45 **year he or she received an urban flight scholarship; otherwise, the scholarship shall be**
46 **treated as a loan to the eligible student, and interest at the rate of nine and one-half percent**

47 per year shall be charged on the unpaid balance of the amount received from the date the
48 eligible student ceases to teach until the amount received is paid back to the state and the
49 local school district. In order to provide for the servicing of such loans, the department of
50 elementary and secondary education may sell such loans to the higher education loan
51 authority of the state of Missouri created pursuant to sections 173.350 to 173.445. For each
52 year the student teaches, up to eight years, one-eighth of the amount received pursuant to
53 this section shall be applied against the total amount received and shall not be subject to
54 the repayment requirement of this section. The department of elementary and secondary
55 education shall have the power to and shall defer interest and principal payments under
56 certain circumstances, which shall include, but need not be limited to, the enrollment in a
57 graduate program or service in any branch of the armed forces of the United States.

58 7. There is hereby established in the state treasury a fund to be known as the
59 "Urban Flight Scholarship Program Fund", which shall consist of all moneys that may be
60 appropriated to it by the general assembly, and in addition may include any gifts,
61 contributions, grants, or bequests received from federal, state, private, or other sources.
62 The fund shall be administered by the department of elementary and secondary education.
63 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, moneys in the
64 fund shall not be transferred to the credit of the general revenue fund at the end of the
65 biennium. Interest and moneys earned on the fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys
66 in the fund shall be used solely for the purpose of awarding scholarships under the
67 provisions of this section.

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