

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By \_\_\_\_\_

1 AMEND Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 224, Page 1, Section 160.545, Lines 3-6,  
2 by removing said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

3 "by the commissioner of education. The program shall consist of [grant awards] scholarships  
4 made to graduates of public and private secondary schools [that demonstrate a commitment to ensure  
5 that] who:

6 (1) [All students be graduated from school];

7 (2) All students] Complete a selection of high school studies that is"; and  
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9 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 8, by removing said line and inserting in  
10 lieu thereof the following:

11 [(3) All students] (2) Proceed from high school graduation to a community or state technical  
12 college or"; and  
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14 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 11, by removing said line and inserting in  
15 lieu thereof the following:

16 "2. Pursuant to the A+ school program, the state board of education shall promulgate rules  
17 and regulations [for"; and  
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19 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 15, by removing the phrase "(2) Specify"  
20 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

21 "(2)] That specify"; and  
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23 Further amend said substitute, Page 2, said section, Lines 17-18, by removing all of said lines and  
24 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

25 "offered by [the] a school[,] and any course of studies which will qualify a student for  
26 graduation from [the] such school["; and"; and  
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28 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 21, by inserting immediately after the  
29 word "Require" the following:

30 "] and does not include any general track course, that upon completion, counts toward a high  
31 school diploma, and further specify"; and  
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33 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 24, by inserting an opening bracket "[  
34 immediately before the word "as"; and  
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36 Further amend said substitute, Page 3, said section, Line 72, by removing all of said line and

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1 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

2 "6. For any school year, grants authorized by subsections 1 to 3"; and

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4 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 73, by removing the number "4"; and

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6 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 75, by inserting immediately after the  
7 word "section" a closed bracket "]""; and

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9 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 76, by removing the number "7." and  
10 inserting in lieu thereof the following;

11 "[7.] 3."; and

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13 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 77, by removing the word  
14 "reimbursement" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

15 "[reimbursement] payment"; and

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17 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 79, by removing the number "9" and  
18 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

19 "[9] 11"; and

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21 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 81, by inserting immediately after the  
22 word "public" the following:

23 "or private"; and

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25 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 82, by inserting an open bracket "["  
26 immediately after the word "graduation"; and

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28 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 83, by inserting a closed bracket "]"  
29 immediately after the word "section"; and

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31 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 88, by removing the phrase "subsection 2  
32 of " and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

33 "[subsection 2 of]"; and

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35 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 90, by removing the word "federal" and  
36 inserting in lieu thereof the word "[federal]"; and

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38 Further amend said substitute, Page 4, said section, Lines 91-97, by removing all of said lines and  
39 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

40 "sources of funding that could be applied to the [reimbursement described in this subsection]  
41 costs covered by this scholarship program; and

42 (3) Who has earned a [minimal] grade point average of at least two and one-half points on a  
43 four-point scale, or its equivalent on another scale, while in high school [as determined by rule of the  
44 department of higher education, and] ;

45 (4) Meets other requirements for the [reimbursement] payment authorized by this subsection  
46 as determined by rule and regulation of said board; and

47 (5) Who is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

48 4. Student scholarships shall be available for a period of four years after high school

1 graduation.

2 5. To be eligible for a student financial incentive, each student shall:

3 (1) Have attended a public or private high school in Missouri for three consecutive years  
4 prior to high school graduation;

5 (2) Have graduated from high school with an overall grade point average of two and  
6 five-tenths or higher on a four-point scale, or its equivalent on another scale, or have graduated from  
7 a high school with documented mastery of institutionally identified skills that would equate to a two  
8 and five-tenths grade point average or higher on a four-point scale;

9 (3) Have performed at least fifty hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring;

10 (4) Have at least a ninety-five percent attendance record overall for grades nine through  
11 twelve; and

12 (5) Have maintained a record of good citizenship and avoidance of the unlawful use of drugs  
13 and alcohol.

14 6. To maintain eligibility, each participating student shall, during the four-year period of  
15 incentive availability:

16 (1) Enroll in and attend on a full-time basis a Missouri public community college, vocational  
17 or technical school, state technical college, or within the limits established in subsection 11 of this  
18 section, any two-year private vocational or technical school;

19 (2) Maintain a grade point average of two and five-tenths points or higher on a four-point  
20 scale, or its equivalent on another scale; and

21 (3) Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoidance of the unlawful use of drugs and  
22 alcohol.

23 7. The financial incentives shall be made available, subject to appropriation, only after the  
24 student has made a documented good faith effort to first secure all available postsecondary student  
25 financial assistance funds that do not require repayment.

26 8. Subject to appropriation, the financial incentives shall be made available to pay the unpaid  
27 balance of the cost of tuition, general fees, and up to fifty percent of the book cost only after all  
28 postsecondary student financial assistance funds have been applied to these costs. If changes are  
29 made to the above incentives, the department of elementary and secondary education shall provide  
30 payments in the following order of priority:

31 (1) The full amount of tuition;

32 (2) The general fees; and

33 (3) Up to fifty percent of the book cost.

34 9. Missouri public community colleges, vocational or technical schools, state technical  
35 colleges, and two-year private vocational or technical schools shall verify, prior to payment, for each  
36 student intending to participate in the program at their institution that:

37 (1) By the end of the first semester of the student's participation:

38 (a) Verification of student eligibility has been received from the high school from which the  
39 student graduated;

40 (b) The eligible student is enrolled as a full-time student;

41 (c) A good faith effort has been made to secure all available postsecondary student financial  
42 assistance funds; and

43 (d) After all available postsecondary student financial assistance funds are applied, the  
44 student shall receive financial incentive funds. The amount of funds shall depend on the remaining  
45 costs of tuition, general fees, and up to fifty percent of the book cost to attend that institution, subject  
46 to appropriation; and

47 (2) During the second and subsequent semesters of the student's participation:

48 (a) The eligible student continues to be enrolled as a full-time student;

1           **(b) Good faith efforts continue to be made to secure all available postsecondary student**  
2 **financial assistance funds;**

3           **(c) The student has earned and maintains a grade point average of two and five-tenths points**  
4 **or higher on a four-point scale, or its equivalent on another scale; and**

5           **(d) After all other available postsecondary student financial assistance funds are applied, the**  
6 **student shall receive financial incentive funds. The amount of funds shall be subject to appropriation**  
7 **and shall depend on the remaining costs of tuition, general fees, and up to fifty percent of the book**  
8 **cost to attend that institution.**"; and

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10 Further amend said substitute, said section, by renumbering the subsections accordingly; and

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12 Further amend said substitute, Page 4, said section, Line 99, by inserting immediately after the word  
13 "the" the word "scholarship"; and

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15 Further amend said substitute, said page, said section, Line 103, by removing the number "7" and  
16 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

17           **"[7] 3"**; and

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19 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
20 accordingly.