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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 174, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to tuition rates for students at institutions of higher education.

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

Section A. Chapter 174, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 174.850 and 174.860, to read as follows:

174.850. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any year in which a public institution of higher education located within this state increases student tuition rates from the previous year, thirty-three percent of the increase shall be designated for faculty improvement.

174.860. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Full-time", twelve semester credit hours or more per semester for an undergraduate student and nine semester hours or more per semester for a graduate student;

(2) "Qualifying institution", an institution of higher education in Missouri that receives any state funds whatsoever;

(3) "Qualifying student", a Missouri resident who is a student enrolled full time in a qualifying institution after the 2014-15 school year.

2. Except as provided in subsections 4 and 6 of this section, during the five continuous academic years next following a qualifying student's initial enrollment at a qualifying institution, the tuition charged to a qualifying student shall not exceed the amount that the qualifying student was charged at the time the qualifying student first

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.

13 enrolled in the qualifying institution. To qualify for this tuition lock in, students shall be
14 continuously enrolled full time, excluding summer session classes.

15 3. Except as provided in subsection 6 of this section, the tuition of a qualifying
16 student who was enrolled at a qualifying institution prior to the 2015-16 school year shall
17 not exceed the amount that the qualifying student was charged for the 2015-16 school year,
18 and such student's tuition shall remain at the 2015-16 tuition rate for the customary time
19 required to complete the student's degree program. To qualify for this tuition lock in,
20 students shall be continuously enrolled full time, excluding summer session classes.

21 4. The tuition charged to a qualifying student enrolled in a degree program that
22 requires more than four years to complete shall not exceed the amount that was charged
23 at the time the qualifying student first enrolled in the qualifying institution for the
24 customary time required to complete the degree program.

25 5. The customary time required to complete a degree program shall be defined by
26 the qualifying institution offering the degree program. If the qualifying student changes
27 majors during the time period referred to in this subsection or subsection 2 of this section,
28 the tuition charged to the qualifying student shall equal the amount the qualifying student
29 would have been assessed had the qualifying student been admitted to the changed major
30 program when the qualifying student first enrolled in the qualifying institution.

31 6. Undergraduate students who have had tuition rates locked in under subsection
32 2 or 3 of this section who elect to continue studies and pursue a higher degree shall be
33 required to lock in tuition rates as of the first semester of their graduate studies, and the
34 previous undergraduate locked-in tuition shall no longer apply.

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