

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

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 873, Page 1, In the Title, Lines 2-3, by  
2 deleting the phrase "the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fund" and inserting in  
3 lieu thereof the phrase "student welfare"; and  
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5 Further amend said bill and Page 3, Section 173.670, Line 67, by inserting after all of said section  
6 and line the following:  
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8 "173.1101. The financial assistance program established under sections 173.1101 to  
9 173.1107 shall be hereafter known as the "Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program". The  
10 coordinating board and all approved private, [and] public, and virtual institutions in this state shall  
11 refer to the financial assistance program established under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107 as the  
12 access Missouri student financial assistance program in their scholarship literature, provided that no  
13 institution shall be required to revise or amend any such literature to comply with this section prior  
14 to the date such literature would otherwise be revised, amended, reprinted or replaced in the  
15 ordinary course of such institution's business.

16 173.1102. 1. As used in sections 173.1101 to 173.1107, unless the context requires  
17 otherwise, the following terms mean:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- 1 (3) "Approved public institution", an educational institution located in Missouri which:  
 2 (a) Is directly controlled or administered by a public agency or political subdivision;  
 3 (b) Receives appropriations directly or indirectly from the general assembly for operating  
 4 expenses;  
 5 (c) Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at least six months in length leading to or  
 6 directly creditable toward a degree or certificate;  
 7 (d) Meets the standards for accreditation as determined by either the Higher Learning  
 8 Commission, or if a public community college created under the provisions of sections 178.370 to  
 9 178.400 meets the standards established by the coordinating board for higher education for such  
 10 public community colleges, or by other accrediting bodies recognized by the United States  
 11 Department of Education or by utilizing accreditation standards applicable to the institution as  
 12 established by the coordinating board for higher education;  
 13 (e) Does not discriminate in the hiring of administrators, faculty and staff or in the  
 14 admission of students on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin and is otherwise in  
 15 compliance with the Federal Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 and executive orders issued  
 16 pursuant thereto;  
 17 (f) Permits faculty members to select textbooks without influence or pressure by any  
 18 religious or sectarian source;

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

- 21 (a) Is recognized as a qualifying institution by gubernatorial executive order issued prior to  
 22 August 28, 2016, and through a memorandum of understanding between the state of Missouri and  
 23 the approved virtual institution;  
 24 (b) Is organized as a nonprofit institution;  
 25 (c) Is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States  
 26 Department of Education;  
 27 (d) Has established and continuously maintains a physical campus or location of operation  
 28 within the state of Missouri;  
 29 (e) Maintains at least twenty-five full-time Missouri employees, at least one-half of which  
 30 shall be faculty or administrators engaged in Missouri operations;  
 31 (f) Enrolls at least one thousand Missouri residents as degree or certificate seeking students;  
 32 and  
 33 (g) Maintains a governing body or advisory board based in Missouri with oversight of  
 34 Missouri operations.

35 (5) "Coordinating board", the coordinating board for higher education;  
 36 [(5)] (6) "Expected family contribution", the amount of money a student and family should  
 37 pay toward the cost of postsecondary education as calculated by the United States Department of  
 38 Education and reported on the student aid report or the institutional student information record;

39 [(6)] (7) "Financial assistance", an amount of money paid by the state of Missouri to a  
 40 qualified applicant under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107;

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

48 2. The failure of an approved virtual institution to continuously maintain all of the

1 requirements in subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this section shall preclude such institution's  
 2 students or applicants from being eligible for assistance under sections 173.1104 and 173.1105.

3 173.1104. 1. An applicant shall be eligible for initial or renewed financial assistance only  
 4 if, at the time of application and throughout the period during which the applicant is receiving such  
 5 assistance, the applicant:

6 (1) Is a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States;

7 (2) Is a resident of the state of Missouri, as determined by reference to standards  
 8 promulgated by the coordinating board;

9 (3) Is enrolled, or has been accepted for enrollment, as a full-time undergraduate student in  
 10 an approved private, [or] public, or virtual institution; and

11 (4) Is not enrolled or does not intend to use the award to enroll in a course of study leading  
 12 to a degree in theology or divinity.

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

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

25 173.1105. 1. An applicant who is an undergraduate postsecondary student at an approved  
 26 private, [or] public, or virtual institution and who meets the other eligibility criteria shall be eligible  
 27 for financial assistance, with a minimum and maximum award amount as follows:

28 (1) For academic years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14:

29 (a) One thousand dollars maximum and three hundred dollars minimum for students  
 30 attending institutions classified as part of the public two-year sector;

31 (b) Two thousand one hundred fifty dollars maximum and one thousand dollars minimum  
 32 for students attending institutions classified as part of the public four-year sector, including State  
 33 Technical College of Missouri; and

34 (c) Four thousand six hundred dollars maximum and two thousand dollars minimum for  
 35 students attending approved private institutions;

36 (2) For the 2014-15 academic year and subsequent years:

37 (a) One thousand three hundred dollars maximum and three hundred dollars minimum for  
 38 students attending institutions classified as part of the public two-year sector; and

39 (b) Two thousand eight hundred fifty dollars maximum and one thousand five hundred  
 40 dollars minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public four-year sector,  
 41 including State Technical College of Missouri[, or]; approved private institutions; or approved  
 42 virtual institutions.

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

1 "increment group" shall mean a group organized by expected family contribution in five hundred  
2 dollar increments into which all eligible students shall be placed.

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

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

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

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