

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

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 997, Page 10, Section 173.234, Line 93,  
2 by inserting after all of said section and 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 issued prior to  
18 August 28, 2016, and through a memorandum of understanding between the state of Missouri and  
19 the approved virtual institution;

20 (b) Is organized as a nonprofit 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 Missouri operations;

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

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

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

32 [(5)] (6) "Expected family contribution", the amount of money a student and family should  
33 pay toward the cost of postsecondary education as calculated by the United States Department of  
34 Education and reported on the student aid report or the institutional student information record;

35 [(6)] (7) "Financial assistance", an amount of money paid by the state of Missouri to a  
36 qualified applicant under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107;

37 [(7)] (8) "Full-time student", an individual who is enrolled in and is carrying a sufficient  
38 number of credit hours or their equivalent at an approved private, [or] public, or virtual institution  
39 to secure the degree or certificate toward which he or she is working in no more than the number of  
40 semesters or their equivalent normally required by that institution in the program in which the  
41 individual is enrolled. This definition shall be construed as the successor to subdivision (7) of  
42 section 173.205 for purposes of eligibility requirements of other financial assistance programs that  
43 refer to section 173.205.

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

47 173.1104. 1. An applicant shall be eligible for initial or renewed financial assistance only  
48 if, at the time of application and throughout the period during which the applicant is receiving such

1 assistance, the applicant:

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

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

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

21 173.1105. 1. An applicant who is an undergraduate postsecondary student at an approved  
22 private, [or] public, or virtual institution and who meets the other eligibility criteria shall be eligible  
23 for financial assistance, with a minimum and maximum award amount as follows:

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

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

47 3. If appropriated funds are insufficient to fund the program as described, the maximum  
48 award shall be reduced across all sectors by the percentage of the shortfall. If appropriated funds

1 exceed the amount necessary to fund the program, the additional funds shall be used to increase the  
2 number of recipients by raising the cutoff for the expected family contribution rather than by  
3 increasing the size of the award.

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

14 173.1107. A recipient of financial assistance may transfer from one approved public [or],  
15 private, or virtual institution to another without losing eligibility for assistance under sections  
16 173.1101 to 173.1107, but the coordinating board shall make any necessary adjustments in the  
17 amount of the award. If a recipient of financial assistance at any time is entitled to a refund of any  
18 tuition, fees, or other charges under the rules and regulations of the institution in which he or she is  
19 enrolled, the institution shall pay the portion of the refund which may be attributed to the state grant  
20 to the coordinating board. The coordinating board will use these refunds to make additional awards  
21 under the provisions of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107."; and

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23 Further amend said bill, Pages 410, Section C, Line 6, by deleting all of said lines and inserting in  
24 lieu thereof the following:

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26 "Section D. Because of the importance of providing financial aid for Missouri high school  
27 graduates, section 160.545 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate  
28 preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an  
29 emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section 160.545 of section A of this act  
30 shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval."; and

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