

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 "173.478. No public institution of higher education that receives public funding shall pay
5 for or reimburse out-of-state travel expenses for spouses of full-time institution employees unless
6 such spouse is also employed by the institution on a full-time basis or is enrolled as a student at the
7 institution and is traveling for educational purposes only."; and

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9 Further amend said bill, Page 15, Section 173.2520, Line 13, by inserting after all of said section
10 and line the following:

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12 "178.780. 1. Tax supported community colleges formed prior to October 13, 1961, and
13 those formed under the provisions of sections 178.770 to 178.890 shall be under the supervision of
14 the coordinating board for higher education.

15 2. The coordinating board for higher education shall:

16 (1) Establish the role of the two-year college in the state;

17 (2) Set up a survey form to be used for local surveys of need and potential for two-year
18 colleges; provide supervision in the conducting of surveys; require that the results of the studies be
19 used in reviewing applications for approval; and establish and use the survey results to set up
20 priorities;

21 (3) Require that the initiative to establish two-year colleges come from the area to be
22 served;

23 (4) Administer the state financial support program;

24 (5) Supervise the community college districts formed under the provisions of sections
25 178.770 to 178.890 and the community colleges now in existence and formed prior to October 13,
26 1961;

27 (6) Formulate and put into effect uniform policies as to budgeting, record keeping, and
28 student accounting;

29 (7) Establish uniform minimum entrance requirements and uniform curricular offerings for
30 all community colleges;

31 (8) Make a continuing study of community college education in the state; [and]

32 (9) Be responsible for the accreditation of each community college under its supervision.
33 Accreditation shall be conducted annually or as often as deemed advisable and made in a manner
34 consistent with rules and regulations established and applied uniformly to all community colleges in
35 the state. Standards for accreditation of community colleges shall be formulated with due
36 consideration given to curriculum offerings and entrance requirements of the University of

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1 Missouri; and

2 (10) Establish a standard core curriculum and a common course numbering equivalency
 3 matrix for lower-division courses to be used at community colleges and other public institutions of
 4 higher education to facilitate student transfers as provided under sections 178.785 to 178.789.

5 178.785. The provisions of sections 178.785 to 178.789 shall be known and may be cited as
 6 the "Higher Education Core Curriculum Transfer Act". For purposes of sections 178.785 to
 7 178.789, the following terms mean:

8 (1) "Coordinating board", the coordinating board for higher education established in section
 9 173.005;

10 (2) "Core curriculum", the basic competencies to be met, which shall include
 11 communicating, higher-order thinking, managing information, cultural awareness, and includes the
 12 knowledge areas of social and behavioral sciences, humanities and fine arts, mathematics, life and
 13 physical skills;

14 (3) "Faculty member", a person who is employed full-time by a community college or other
 15 public institution of higher education as a member of the faculty whose primary duties include
 16 teaching, research, academic service, or administration;

17 (4) "Native student", a student who has not transferred from one institution of higher
 18 education to another.

19 178.786. 1. The coordinating board for higher education, with the assistance of an advisory
 20 committee composed of representatives from each public community college in this state and each
 21 public four-year institution of higher education, shall develop a recommended lower division core
 22 curriculum of forty-two semester credit hours, including a statement of the content, component
 23 areas, and objectives of the core curriculum. A majority of the members of the advisory committee
 24 shall be faculty members of a community college or a public four-year institution of higher
 25 education.

26 2. The coordinating board shall approve a common course numbering equivalency matrix
 27 for the forty-two credit hour block at all institutions of higher education in the state to facilitate the
 28 transfer of those courses among institutions of higher education by promoting consistency in course
 29 designation and course identification. Each community college and four-year institution of higher
 30 education shall include in its course listings the applicable course numbers from the common course
 31 numbering equivalency matrix approved by the coordinating board under this subsection.

32 3. The coordinating board shall complete the requirements of subsections 1 and 2 of this
 33 section prior to January 1, 2018, for implementation of the core curriculum transfer
 34 recommendations for the 2018-19 academic year for all public institutions of higher education.

35 178.787. 1. Each community college, as defined in section 163.191, and public four-year
 36 institution of higher education shall adopt the forty-two credit hour block, including specific courses
 37 comprising the curriculum, based on the core curriculum recommendations made by the
 38 coordinating board for higher education under subsections 1 and 2 of section 178.786, for
 39 implementation beginning in the 2018-19 academic year.

40 2. If a student successfully completes the forty-two credit core curriculum at a community
 41 college or other public institution of higher education, that block of courses may be transferred to
 42 any other public institution of higher education in this state and shall be substituted for the receiving
 43 institution's core curriculum. A student shall receive academic credit for each of the courses
 44 transferred and shall not be required to take additional core curriculum courses at the receiving
 45 institution.

46 3. A student who transfers from one public institution of higher education to another public
 47 institution of higher education in the state without completing the core curriculum of the sending
 48 institution shall receive academic credit from the receiving institution for each of the courses that

1 the student has successfully completed in the core curriculum of the sending institution. Following
2 receipt of credit for these courses, the student may be required to satisfy further course requirements
3 in the core curriculum of the receiving institution.

4 178.788. 1. The coordinating board for higher education, in consultation with the advisory
5 board established in section 178.786, shall develop criteria to evaluate the transfer practices of each
6 public institution of higher education in this state and shall evaluate the transfer practices of each
7 institution based on this criteria.

8 2. The coordinating board shall develop procedures to be followed by institutions of higher
9 education in resolving disputes concerning the transfer of course credit and by the commissioner of
10 higher education in making a final determination concerning transfer of course credit if a transfer is
11 in dispute.

12 3. Each institution of higher education shall publish in its course catalogs and on its official
13 website the procedures adopted by the board under subsections 1 and 2 of this section.

14 4. If an institution of higher education does not accept course credit earned by a student at
15 another public institution of higher education, that institution shall give written notice to the student
16 and the other institution that the transfer of the course credit is denied. The two institutions and the
17 student shall attempt to resolve the transfer of the course credit in accordance with rules
18 promulgated by the coordinating board. If the transfer dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of
19 the student or the institution at which the credit was earned within forty-five days after the date the
20 student received written notice of the denial, the institution that denies the transfer of the course
21 credit shall notify the commissioner of higher education of its denial and the reasons for the denial.

22 5. The commissioner of higher education or his or her designee shall make the final
23 determination about a dispute concerning the transfer of course credit and give written notice of the
24 determination as to the involved student and institutions.

25 6. The coordinating board shall collect data on the types of transfer disputes that are
26 reported and the disposition of each case that is considered by the commissioner of higher education
27 or the commissioner's designee.

28 7. The provisions of sections 178.785 to 178.789 shall not apply to native students who are
29 not seeking to transfer credits nor affect the authority of an institution of higher education to adopt
30 its own admission standards or its own grading policies.

31 178.789. The coordinating board for higher education may promulgate all necessary rules
32 and regulations for the administration of sections 178.785 to 178.789. Any rule or portion of a rule,
33 as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section
34 shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536
35 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the
36 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
37 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
38 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and
39 void."; and

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