

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 997, Page 15, Section 173.2520, Line 13,
2 by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "178.780. 1. Tax supported community colleges formed prior to October 13, 1961, and
5 those formed under the provisions of sections 178.770 to 178.890 shall be under the supervision of
6 the coordinating board for higher education.

7 2. The coordinating board for higher education shall:

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

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

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

15 (4) Administer the state financial support program;

16 (5) Supervise the community college districts formed under the provisions of sections
17 178.770 to 178.890 and the community colleges now in existence and formed prior to October 13,
18 1961;

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

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

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

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

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

33 178.785. The provisions of sections 178.785 to 178.789 shall be known and may be cited as
34 the "Higher Education Core Curriculum Transfer Act". For purposes of sections 178.785 to
35 178.789, the following terms mean:

36 (1) "Coordinating board", the coordinating board for higher education established in section

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1 173.005;

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

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

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

11 178.786. 1. The coordinating board for higher education, with the assistance of an advisory
 12 committee composed of representatives from each public community college in this state and each
 13 public four-year institution of higher education, shall develop a recommended lower division core
 14 curriculum of forty-two semester credit hours, including a statement of the content, component
 15 areas, and objectives of the core curriculum. A majority of the members of the advisory committee
 16 shall be faculty members of a community college or a public four-year institution of higher
 17 education.

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

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

27 178.787. 1. Each community college, as defined in section 163.191, and public four-year
 28 institution of higher education shall adopt the forty-two credit hour block, including specific courses
 29 comprising the curriculum, based on the core curriculum recommendations made by the
 30 coordinating board for higher education under subsections 1 and 2 of section 178.786, for
 31 implementation beginning in the 2018-19 academic year.

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

38 3. A student who transfers from one public institution of higher education to another public
 39 institution of higher education in the state without completing the core curriculum of the sending
 40 institution shall receive academic credit from the receiving institution for each of the courses that
 41 the student has successfully completed in the core curriculum of the sending institution. Following
 42 receipt of credit for these courses, the student may be required to satisfy further course requirements
 43 in the core curriculum of the receiving institution.

44 178.788. 1. The coordinating board for higher education, in consultation with the advisory
 45 board established in section 178.786, shall develop criteria to evaluate the transfer practices of each
 46 public institution of higher education in this state and shall evaluate the transfer practices of each
 47 institution based on this criteria.

48 2. The coordinating board shall develop procedures to be followed by institutions of higher

1 education in resolving disputes concerning the transfer of course credit and by the commissioner of
2 higher education in making a final determination concerning transfer of course credit if a transfer is
3 in dispute.

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

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

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

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

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

23 8. Students enrolled in professional programs shall complete the appropriate core
24 curriculum that is required for accreditation or licensure.

25 178.789. The coordinating board for higher education may promulgate all necessary rules
26 and regulations for the administration of sections 178.785 to 178.789. Any rule or portion of a rule,
27 as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section
28 shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536
29 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the
30 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
31 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
32 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and
33 void.

34 Section 1. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if the spouse of
35 any full-time employee of a public institution of higher education incurs out-of-state travel costs that
36 are paid for or reimbursed by such institution then such employee shall be required to file a
37 quarterly travel report with the Missouri ethics commission listing the date or dates, location,
38 purpose, and the full cost of any out-of-state travel made by such employee's spouse. Such costs
39 shall include, but not be limited to, any transportation costs, lodging costs, and meal expenses that
40 are paid for or reimbursed by the public institution. The commission shall publish travel reports in
41 an electronic format on the commission's website and shall enable the reports to be easily searched
42 by name, employee position, and institutional affiliation. The commission shall enable the
43 electronic filing of reports.

44 2. In addition to the quarterly reports required under subsection 1 of this section, any spouse
45 of a full-time employee of a public institution of higher education whose travels were funded by
46 such public institution under the provisions of subsection 1 of this section during the one-year
47 period immediately before the effective date of this section shall, no later than six months after the
48 effective date of this section, file an additional travel report with the commission covering travel

1 expenditures during that one-year period. This travel report shall be identical in content to the
2 quarterly travel reports required under subsection 1 of this section."; and
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4 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
5 accordingly.
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