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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the hiring of law enforcement officers by private colleges and universities.

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

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new 2 section, to be known as section 173.860, to read as follows:

173.860. 1. The governing board of any private not-for-profit college or university authorized to do business in this state and that meets the standards of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools may appoint and employ as many college or university police officers as it may deem necessary to protect persons, property, and to preserve peace and good order in the buildings, properties, grounds, and other facilities and locations over which it has charge or control.

9 2. The college or university police officers, before they enter upon their duties, shall take and subscribe an oath of office before some 10 officer authorized to administer oaths to faithfully and impartially 11 discharge the duties thereof, which oath shall be filed in the office of the 12governing board of the college or university. The secretary of the board 13 14 shall give each college police officer so appointed and qualified a 15 certificate of appointment under the seal of the board. The certificate 16 shall empower such officer with the same authority to maintain order, 17preserve peace, and make arrests as is given to peace officers. The college or university police officer may, in addition, expel from the 18 19 public buildings, campuses, and grounds, persons violating the rules and 20 regulations that may be prescribed by the board or others under the authority of the board. Such officer as may be designated by the board 21

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22 shall have immediate charge, control, and supervision of college police

23 officers appointed by authority of this section. Such college police

24 officers shall, before appointment, or within six months after

25 appointment, be certified peace officers under chapter 590, RSMo.

3. Nothing in this section shall be construed as denying the board

27 the right to appoint guards or watchmen who shall not be given the

8 authority and powers authorized in this section.

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