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AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to an associate degree scholarship program, with sunset provisions.

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 173.272, to read as follows:

173.272. 1. There shall be established in the state treasury an
2 "Associate Degree Transfer Incentive Scholarship Program" fund to be
3 administered by the coordinating board for higher education. The state
4 treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and shall approve
5 disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and
6 30.180, RSMo. Upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used
7 solely for the administration of this section. Notwithstanding the
8 provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, any moneys
9 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the
10 credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest
11 moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are
12 invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be
13 credited to the fund. Any moneys appropriated by the general assembly
14 for this program shall be distributed to participating public four-year
15 Missouri colleges or universities to provide scholarships for citizens of
16 this state who transfer from a public Missouri community college to a
17 participating public four-year Missouri college or university under the
18 provisions of this section.

19 2. Funds for the scholarship program shall be distributed to
20 participating institutions on a pro-rata basis according to the number
21 of eligible two-year transfer students at each institution. The

22 coordinating board for higher education shall promulgate rules to
23 implement the provisions of this section.

24 3. A student shall be eligible for an associate degree transfer
25 incentive program scholarship if the student has completed an
26 associate of arts degree, or another degree that contains forty-two
27 credit hours of general education core curriculum, at a community
28 college or other two-year institution located in Missouri and recognized
29 by the department of higher education to confer associate
30 degrees. Participating institutions shall establish additional eligibility
31 requirements.

32 4. Individual public four-year Missouri colleges or universities
33 may apply to the coordinating board for higher education for funds to
34 offer associate degree transfer incentive scholarships under this
35 section. Such institutions shall establish performance standards that
36 provide for continuation of the scholarship for a minimum of two years
37 and a maximum of four years, and a minimum annual scholarship level
38 of one thousand dollars.

39 5. Each institution offering a scholarship under this section shall
40 develop and publish application procedures, deadlines, award amounts,
41 and any other features unique to the receiving institution. The primary
42 criterion shall be need. Scholarships may be pro-rated for part-time
43 students. Each institution shall submit an annual report of the use and
44 distribution of such scholarship funds to the general assembly, with
45 such report subject to audit. The coordinating board shall establish by
46 rule a limit on funds to be used for administrative costs and a method
47 of determining need.

48 6. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
49 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this
50 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to
51 all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section
52 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable
53 and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly under
54 chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to
55 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,
56 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
57 adopted after August 28, 2006, shall be invalid and void.

58 7. Under section 23.253, RSMo, of the Missouri Sunset Act:

59 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this
60 section shall automatically sunset six years after the effective date of
61 this section unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and

62 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized
63 under this section shall automatically sunset twelve years after the
64 effective date of the reauthorization of this section; and

65 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the
66 calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the
67 program authorized under this section is sunset.

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