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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 75
94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Pensions, Veterans' Affairs and General Laws, February 15, 2007, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 75, adopted April 17, 2007.

Taken up for Perfection April 17, 2007. Bill declared Perfected and Ordered Printed.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to combat veterans.

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 173.900, to read as follows:

**173.900 1. For the purpose of this section, the term "combat
2 veteran" shall mean a person who served in armed combat in the
3 military after September 11, 2001, and to whom the following criteria
4 shall apply:**

5 **(1) The veteran was a Missouri resident when first entering the
6 military; and**

7 **(2) The veteran was discharged from military service under
8 honorable conditions.**

9 **2. All institutions of higher education that receive any state
10 funds whatsoever shall limit the amount of tuition such institutions
11 charge to combat veterans to fifty dollars per credit hour, as long as
12 the veteran achieves and maintains a cumulative grade point average
13 of at least two and one-half on a four point scale, or its equivalent.**

14 **3. The period during which a combat veteran is eligible for a
15 tuition limitation under this section shall expire at the end of the ten-
16 year period beginning on the date of such veteran's last discharge from
17 service.**

18 **4. The coordinating board for higher education shall ensure that**

19 all applicable institutions of higher education in this state comply with
20 the provisions of this subsection and may promulgate rules for the
21 efficient implementation of this subsection.

22 5. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
23 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this
24 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to
25 all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section
26 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable
27 and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to
28 chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to
29 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,
30 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
31 adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

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