

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 279

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CARTER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 174.231, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to missions of institutions of higher education.

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

Section A. Section 174.231, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 174.231, to read as follows:

174.231. 1. On and after August 28, 2005, the institution formerly known as Missouri Southern State College located in Joplin, Jasper County, shall be known as "Missouri Southern State University". Missouri Southern State University is hereby designated and shall hereafter be operated as a statewide institution of international or global education, **health and life sciences, and immersive learning experiences**. The Missouri Southern State University is hereby designated a moderately selective institution which shall provide associate degree programs except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, baccalaureate degree programs, and graduate degree programs pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection 2 of section 173.005. The institution shall develop such academic support programs and public service activities it deems necessary and appropriate to establish international or global education as a distinctive theme of its mission.

18           2. As of July 1, 2008, Missouri Southern State  
19 University shall discontinue any and all associate degree  
20 programs unless the continuation of such associate degree  
21 programs is approved by the coordinating board for higher  
22 education pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of  
23 section 173.005.

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