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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 173.1105, 173.1352, and 173.2553, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to support for students attending institutions of higher education.

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

Section A. Sections 173.1105, 173.1352, and 173.2553, RSMo, are repealed and five  
2 new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 173.685, 173.836, 173.1105,  
3 173.1352, and 173.2553, to read as follows:

**173.685. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

2       **(1) "Approved institution", any approved private institution, approved public**  
3 **institution, or approved virtual institution, as such terms are defined in section**  
4 **173.1102, that is located in this state, has been approved under 6 CSR 10-2.140, and has**  
5 **been approved to participate in the federal student financial assistance programs**  
6 **created under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended;**

7       **(2) "CGPA", a student's cumulative grade point average as calculated based on**  
8 **the policies of the student's approved institution as such policies are applied to other**  
9 **students in similar circumstances;**

10       **(3) "Department", the department of higher education and workforce**  
11 **development;**

12       **(4) "Initial recipient", a student who qualifies for initial financial assistance**  
13 **under section 173.1104, has received an award under the access Missouri financial**  
14 **assistance program established in sections 173.1101 to 173.1107, and has not received a**  
15 **STEM grant in any prior academic year;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16           **(5) "Renewal recipient", a student who qualifies for renewed financial assistance**  
17 **under section 173.1104, has received an award under the access Missouri financial**  
18 **assistance program established in sections 173.1101 to 173.1107, and has received a**  
19 **STEM grant;**

20           **(6) "Satisfactory academic progress":**

21           **(a) For a student's grade point average, a CGPA of at least two and one-half on a**  
22 **four-point scale or the equivalent on another scale; and**

23           **(b) For determinations of academic progress other than grade point average, the**  
24 **institution's measures of a student's academic progress as otherwise determined by the**  
25 **approved institution's policies as applied to other students at the approved institution**  
26 **receiving assistance from federal student financial assistance programs created under**  
27 **Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended;**

28           **(7) "STEM degree", an associate's degree, bachelor's degree, or certificate in a**  
29 **STEM field;**

30           **(8) "STEM field", a field of study involving science, technology, engineering, or**  
31 **mathematics including, but not limited to:**

32           **(a) Agriculture and related sciences;**

33           **(b) Computer science;**

34           **(c) Information technology and information systems;**

35           **(d) STEM-related education;**

36           **(e) Engineering;**

37           **(f) Biological and biomedical sciences;**

38           **(g) Mathematics and statistics; and**

39           **(h) Physical sciences;**

40           **(9) "STEM grant", a renewable award of five hundred dollars of financial**  
41 **assistance granted under this section.**

42           **2. Subject to appropriation, the department shall make available a STEM grant**  
43 **to a student of an approved institution who is an initial recipient or a renewal recipient**  
44 **and who has committed to a program of study that will result in a STEM degree at an**  
45 **approved institution as provided in this section. No student shall receive more than two**  
46 **thousand dollars of STEM grants under this section.**

47           **3. A renewal recipient may continue to receive a STEM grant as long as such**  
48 **recipient:**

49           **(1) Maintains satisfactory academic progress;**

50           **(2) Continues to meet eligibility criteria under the access Missouri financial**  
51 **assistance program established under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107; and**

52           **(3) Has not exceeded five semesters at an approved two-year institution or a total**  
53 **of ten semesters or fifteen quarters at an approved four-year institution or any**  
54 **combination of approved institutions.**

55           **4. No STEM grant shall be awarded under this section to a student who also**  
56 **received an award under the access Missouri financial assistance program after:**

57           **(1) A baccalaureate degree has been granted to the student;**

58           **(2) The hours or the equivalent to the hours required for a baccalaureate degree**  
59 **have been completed by the student; or**

60           **(3) The student has completed coursework equal to:**

61           **(a) One hundred fifty semester hours or the equivalent; or**

62           **(b) Two hundred twenty-five quarter hours or the equivalent.**

63           **5. The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the**  
64 **administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in**  
65 **section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall**  
66 **become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter**  
67 **536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable**  
68 **and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to**  
69 **review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently**  
70 **held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**  
71 **adopted after August 28, 2024, shall be invalid and void.**

72           **6. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

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

76           **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**  
77 **shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of**  
78 **this section; and**

79           **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year**  
80 **immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this**  
81 **section is sunset.**

**173.836. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Career-Tech**  
2 **Certificate (CTC) Program".**

3           **2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

4           **(1) "Approved institution", an institution of postsecondary education that is**  
5 **subject to the coordinating board for higher education under section 173.005, offers**  
6 **eligible programs of study or training programs, and is at least one of the following:**

- 7           (a) A public community college or vocational or technical school as provided  
8 under subsection 8 of section 160.545;
- 9           (b) A two-year private vocational or technical school authorized to obtain  
10 reimbursements under subsection 8 of section 160.545 as provided under subsection 10  
11 of section 160.545;
- 12           (c) An approved virtual institution, as defined in section 173.1102; or
- 13           (d) An eligible training provider;
- 14           (2) "Department", the department of higher education and workforce  
15 development;
- 16           (3) "Eligible program of study", a program of instruction for which the required  
17 length for completion of such program does not exceed the equivalent of sixty credit  
18 hours or the equivalent under a different measure of student progress and that results in  
19 the award of a non-graduate-level certificate or other industry-recognized credential  
20 below the graduate level that has been designated by the coordinating board for higher  
21 education as preparing students to enter an area of occupational shortage as determined  
22 and updated annually by such board under subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of section  
23 173.2553;
- 24           (4) "Eligible student", any student that meets the eligibility requirements for  
25 reimbursement of tuition, books, and fees under the "A+ Schools Program" created in  
26 section 160.545, provided that such student has not received a reimbursement for  
27 tuition, books, or fees under section 160.545;
- 28           (5) "Eligible training provider", a training organization listed in the state of  
29 Missouri eligible training provider system maintained by the office of workforce  
30 development in the department of higher education and workforce development that is  
31 not a four-year institution of higher education;
- 32           (6) "Training program", a program of study that leads to a certificate or degree  
33 and is offered by an approved institution but that does not meet the length-of-program  
34 requirements for an eligible program under 34 CFR 668.8, as amended. The term  
35 includes, but is not limited to, certified nurse assistant (CNA) programs, certified  
36 medication technician (CMT) programs, level 1 medication aide (L1MA) programs,  
37 insulin administration programs, or commercial driver's license (CDL) programs.
- 38           3. (1) Beginning in the 2025-26 academic year and all subsequent academic  
39 years, the department shall, by rule, establish a procedure for the reimbursement of the  
40 costs of tuition, books, and fees from the career-tech certificate (CTC) program fund to  
41 the approved institution at which an eligible student is enrolled in an eligible program of  
42 study or a training program.

43           **(2) No tuition reimbursements in excess of the tuition rate charged by a public**  
44 **community college for coursework offered by a two-year private vocational or technical**  
45 **school, approved virtual institution as defined under section 173.1102, or eligible**  
46 **training provider within the service area of such college shall be reimbursed under this**  
47 **section.**

48           **(3) (a) If a public community college or vocational or technical school offers the**  
49 **same or a substantially similar eligible program of study or training program as a**  
50 **private vocational or technical school, virtual institution, or eligible training provider at**  
51 **which an eligible student intends to enroll and the school or provider is located in the**  
52 **service region of the public community college or vocational or technical school that**  
53 **offers the same or similar program of study or training program, no tuition**  
54 **reimbursement shall be provided under this section for such eligible student unless,**  
55 **before the eligible student enrolls:**

56           **a. The private vocational or technical school, virtual institution, or eligible**  
57 **training provider requests authorization from the department for such tuition**  
58 **reimbursement; and**

59           **b. The department authorizes such request.**

60           **(b) The department shall:**

61           **a. Develop and adopt a tuition reimbursement authorization request form and a**  
62 **procedure for submitting such request;**

63           **b. Review and either authorize or deny such request within twenty business days**  
64 **of receiving an accurate, complete, and properly submitted request; and**

65           **c. If the department denies such request, provide the educational entity and the**  
66 **eligible student with the reasons for such denial.**

67           **(c) The department shall not deny a tuition reimbursement authorization**  
68 **request without good cause, as determined by the department on a case-by-case basis.**

69           **(4) The reimbursements provided under this section to a two-year private**  
70 **vocational or technical school, approved virtual institution as defined under section**  
71 **173.1102, or eligible training provider shall not violate the provisions of Article IX,**  
72 **Section 8, or Article I, Section 7, of the Constitution of Missouri or the First Amendment**  
73 **to the Constitution of the United States.**

74           **4. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Career-Tech Certificate**  
75 **(CTC) Program Fund", which shall consist of any moneys appropriated annually by the**  
76 **general assembly, gifts, bequests, grants, public or private donations, or transfers. The**  
77 **state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and**  
78 **30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated**

79 **fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in this fund shall be used solely for**  
80 **reimbursements as provided in this section.**

81 **(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys**  
82 **remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the**  
83 **general revenue fund.**

84 **(3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as**  
85 **other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be**  
86 **credited to the fund.**

87 **5. No rule promulgated by the department under this section shall prohibit**  
88 **students enrolled in an eligible program of study or a training program from qualifying**  
89 **for tuition reimbursement under this section solely because the eligible program of**  
90 **study or training program does not meet the length-of-program requirements for an**  
91 **eligible program under 34 CFR 668.8, as amended, or because the eligible training**  
92 **provider at which a student enrolls does not participate in federal student aid programs.**

93 **6. Eligibility for tuition, books, and fees reimbursement to an approved**  
94 **institution as provided under this section shall expire upon the earliest of:**

95 **(1) Receipt of the reimbursement for the required length for completion of such**  
96 **program as determined by the department;**

97 **(2) A student's successful completion of an eligible program of study or training**  
98 **program; or**

99 **(3) A student's completion of one hundred fifty percent of the time usually**  
100 **required to complete an eligible program of study or training program.**

101 **7. The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the**  
102 **implementation and administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that**  
103 **term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this**  
104 **section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the**  
105 **provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter**  
106 **536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly**  
107 **pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul**  
108 **a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority**  
109 **and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2024, shall be invalid and void.**

173.1105. 1. An applicant who is an undergraduate postsecondary student at an  
2 approved private, public, or virtual institution and who meets the other eligibility criteria shall  
3 be eligible for financial assistance, with a minimum and maximum award amount as follows:

4 (1) For academic years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14:

5 (a) One thousand dollars maximum and three hundred dollars minimum for students  
6 attending institutions classified as part of the public two-year sector;

7 (b) Two thousand one hundred fifty dollars maximum and one thousand dollars  
8 minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public four-year sector,  
9 including State Technical College of Missouri; and

10 (c) Four thousand six hundred dollars maximum and two thousand dollars minimum  
11 for students attending approved private institutions;

12 (2) For the 2014-15 academic year [~~and subsequent years~~] **through the 2023-24**  
13 **academic year:**

14 (a) One thousand three hundred dollars maximum and three hundred dollars  
15 minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public two-year sector;  
16 and

17 (b) Two thousand eight hundred fifty dollars maximum and one thousand five  
18 hundred dollars minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public  
19 four-year sector, including State Technical College of Missouri, approved private institutions,  
20 or approved virtual institutions; **and**

21 **(3) For the 2024-25 academic year and all subsequent academic years:**

22 **(a) One thousand seven hundred dollars maximum and five hundred dollars**  
23 **minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public two-year**  
24 **sector; and**

25 **(b) Three thousand five hundred dollars maximum and one thousand seven**  
26 **hundred fifty dollars minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of**  
27 **the public four-year sector, including State Technical College of Missouri, approved**  
28 **private institutions, or approved virtual institutions.**

29 2. All students with an expected family contribution of twelve thousand dollars or  
30 less shall receive at least the minimum award amount for his or her institution. Maximum  
31 award amounts for an eligible student with an expected family contribution above seven  
32 thousand dollars shall be reduced by ten percent of the maximum expected family  
33 contribution for his or her increment group. Any award amount shall be reduced by the  
34 amount of a student's payment from the A+ schools program or any successor program to it.  
35 For purposes of this subsection, the term "increment group" shall mean a group organized by  
36 expected family contribution in five hundred dollar increments into which all eligible students  
37 shall be placed.

38 3. If appropriated funds are insufficient to fund the program as described, the  
39 maximum award shall be reduced across all sectors by the percentage of the shortfall. If  
40 appropriated funds exceed the amount necessary to fund the program, the additional funds  
41 shall be used to increase the number of recipients by **either extending the deadline for filing**  
42 **an application or** raising the cutoff for the expected family contribution rather than by  
43 increasing the size of the award, **as determined by the department.**

44 4. Every three years, beginning with **the 2024-25** academic year [~~2009-10~~], the award  
45 amount may be adjusted to increase no more than the Consumer Price Index for All Urban  
46 Consumers (CPI-U), 1982-1984 = 100, not seasonally adjusted, as defined and officially  
47 recorded by the United States Department of Labor, or its successor agency, for the previous  
48 academic year. The coordinating board shall prepare a report prior to the legislative session  
49 for use of the general assembly and the governor in determining budget requests which shall  
50 include the amount of funds necessary to maintain full funding of the program based on the  
51 baseline established for the program upon the effective date of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107.  
52 Any increase in the award amount shall not become effective unless an increase in the amount  
53 of money appropriated to the program necessary to cover the increase in award amount is  
54 passed by the general assembly.

173.1352. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Advanced placement examination", any examination administered through the  
3 College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP);

4 (2) "Institution", any in-state public community college, college, or university that  
5 offers postsecondary freshman-level courses;

6 **(3) "International baccalaureate examination", any examination for assessment**  
7 **purposes administered through the International Baccalaureate Organization at the end**  
8 **of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.**

9 2. (1) Each institution shall adopt and implement a policy to grant undergraduate  
10 course credit to entering freshman students for each advanced placement examination upon  
11 which such student achieves a score of three or higher, **or each international baccalaureate**  
12 **examination for an international baccalaureate diploma programme course upon which**  
13 **such student achieves a score of 4 or higher**, for any similarly correlated course offered by  
14 the institution at the time of such student's acceptance into the institution.

15 (2) In the policy, the institution shall:

16 (a) Establish the institution's conditions for granting course credit; and

17 (b) Identify the specific course credit or other academic requirements of the  
18 institution, including the number of semester credit hours or other course credit, that the  
19 institution will grant to a student who achieves required scores on advanced placement  
20 examinations **or international baccalaureate examinations.**

21 3. On request of an applicant for admission as an entering freshman, and based on  
22 information provided by the applicant, an institution shall determine and notify the applicant  
23 regarding:

24 (1) The amount and type of any course credit that would be granted to the applicant  
25 under the policy; and

26 (2) Any other academic requirement that the applicant would satisfy under the policy.



173.2553. 1. There is hereby established a "Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant",  
2 and any moneys appropriated by the general assembly for this program shall be deposited in  
3 the fund created in subsection 13 of this section and shall be used to provide grants for  
4 Missouri citizens to attend an approved Missouri postsecondary institution of their choice in  
5 accordance with the provisions of this section.

6 2. The definitions of terms set forth in section 173.1102 shall be applicable to such  
7 terms as used in this section [~~and section 173.2554~~]. In addition, the following terms shall  
8 mean:

9 (1) "Active apprentice status", formal participation in an apprenticeship that meets  
10 any related requirements as defined by the organization providing the apprenticeship or the  
11 United States Department of Labor;

12 (2) "Board", the coordinating board for higher education;

13 (3) "Eligible apprentice", an individual who:

14 (a) Is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States;

15 (b) Is a Missouri resident as determined by reference to standards promulgated by the  
16 coordinating board;

17 (c) Has active apprentice status in an eligible apprenticeship;

18 (d) Has an adjusted gross income as reported on their Missouri individual income tax  
19 return that does not exceed [~~eighty~~] **one hundred** thousand dollars for married filing joint  
20 taxpayers or [~~forty~~] **fifty** thousand dollars for all other taxpayers, **with such caps adjusted**  
21 **annually beginning on January 1, 2025, based on the rate of inflation according to the**  
22 **Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its successor**  
23 **index, as such index is defined and officially reported by the United States Department**  
24 **of Labor, or its successor agency; and**

25 (e) Is twenty-five years of age or older at the time of entering the apprenticeship or  
26 has not been enrolled in a postsecondary education program, other than one related to the  
27 current apprenticeship, for the prior two calendar years;

28 (4) "Eligible apprenticeship", a United States Department of Labor approved  
29 apprenticeship, as defined under 29 CFR Part 29, conducted within the state of Missouri that  
30 prepares a participant to enter employment in an area of occupational shortage as determined  
31 by the coordinating board;

32 (5) "Eligible program of study", a program of instruction:

33 (a) Resulting in the award of a certificate, undergraduate degree, or other industry-  
34 recognized credential; and

35 (b) That has been designated by the coordinating board as preparing students to enter  
36 an area of occupational shortage as determined by the board;

37 (6) "Eligible student", an individual who:

- 38 (a) Has completed and submitted a FAFSA for the academic year for which the grant  
39 is requested or if the student is enrolled, or is enrolling, with an eligible training provider that  
40 does not participate in federal student aid programs, has provided documentation of their  
41 adjusted gross income as determined by the board;
- 42 (b) Is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States;
- 43 (c) Is a Missouri resident for at least two years prior to receiving a grant pursuant to  
44 the fast track workforce incentive grant program as determined by reference to standards  
45 promulgated by the coordinating board, provided that this paragraph shall not apply to an  
46 individual who is an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has  
47 been transferred to the state of Missouri, or his or her spouse;
- 48 (d) Is enrolled, or plans to enroll, at least half-time as a student in an eligible  
49 undergraduate program of study offered by an approved public, private, or virtual institution,  
50 as defined in section 173.1102 or by an eligible training provider;
- 51 (e) Has an adjusted gross income, as reported on the FAFSA or other documentation  
52 as determined by the board, that does not exceed ~~[eighty]~~ **one hundred** thousand dollars for  
53 married filing joint taxpayers or ~~[forty]~~ **fifty** thousand dollars for all other taxpayers, **with**  
54 **such caps adjusted annually beginning on January 1, 2025, based on the rate of inflation**  
55 **according to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States,**  
56 **or its successor index, as such index is defined and officially reported by the United**  
57 **States Department of Labor, or its successor agency;** and
- 58 (f) Is twenty-five years of age or older at the time of enrollment or has not been  
59 enrolled in an educational program for the prior two academic years;
- 60 (7) "Eligible training provider", a training organization listed in the state of Missouri  
61 eligible training provider system maintained by the office of workforce development in the  
62 department of higher education and workforce development;
- 63 (8) "FAFSA", the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, as maintained by the  
64 United States Department of Education;
- 65 (9) "Fast track grant", an amount of moneys paid by the state of Missouri to a student  
66 under the provisions of this section;
- 67 (10) "Graduation", completion of a program of study as indicated by the award of a  
68 certificate, undergraduate degree, or other industry-recognized credential;
- 69 (11) "Qualifying employment", full-time employment of a Missouri resident at a  
70 workplace located within the state of Missouri, or self-employment while a Missouri resident,  
71 with at least fifty percent of an individual's annual income coming from self-employment,  
72 either of which result in required returns of income in accordance with section 143.481;
- 73 (12) "Recipient", an eligible student, an eligible apprentice, a renewal apprentice, or a  
74 renewal student who receives a fast track grant under the provisions of this section;

75 (13) "Related educational costs", direct costs incurred by an individual as part of an  
76 eligible apprenticeship program, such as, but not limited to, tools, books, and uniforms;

77 (14) "Renewal apprentice", an eligible apprentice who remains in compliance with  
78 the provisions of this section, has received the grant as an initial apprentice, maintains active  
79 apprentice status, and who has not received a bachelor's degree;

80 (15) "Renewal student", an eligible student who remains in compliance with the  
81 provisions of this section, has received a grant as an initial recipient, maintains a cumulative  
82 grade point average of at least two and one-half on a four-point scale or the equivalent, makes  
83 satisfactory academic degree progress as defined by the institution, with the exception of  
84 grade point average, and has not received a bachelor's degree.

85 3. Standards of eligibility for renewed assistance shall be the same as for an initial  
86 award of financial assistance; except that, for a renewal student, an applicant shall  
87 demonstrate a grade point average of two and one-half on a four-point scale, or the equivalent  
88 on another scale.

89 4. Eligibility for a grant expires upon the earliest of:

90 (1) Receipt of the grant for four semesters or the equivalent;

91 (2) Receipt of a bachelor's degree; or

92 (3) For an eligible student, reaching two hundred percent of the time typically  
93 required to complete the program of study.

94 5. The coordinating board shall initially designate eligible programs of study by  
95 January 1, 2020, in connection with local education institutions, regional business  
96 organizations, and other stakeholders. The coordinating board shall annually review the  
97 list of eligible programs of study and occupations relating to eligible apprenticeships and  
98 make changes to the program list as it determines appropriate.

99 6. The coordinating board shall be the administrative agency for the implementation  
100 of the program established by this section [~~and section 173.2554~~]. The coordinating board  
101 shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the exercise of its functions and the  
102 effectuation of the purposes of this section [~~and section 173.2554~~]. The coordinating board  
103 shall prescribe the form and the time and method of filing applications and supervise the  
104 processing thereof. The coordinating board shall determine the criteria for eligibility of  
105 applicants and shall evaluate each applicant's eligibility. The coordinating board shall select  
106 qualified recipients to receive grants, make such awards of financial assistance to qualified  
107 recipients, and determine the manner and method of payment to the recipients.

108 7. The coordinating board shall determine eligibility for renewed assistance on the  
109 basis of annual applications. As a condition to consideration for initial or renewed assistance,  
110 the coordinating board may require the applicant and the applicant's spouse to execute forms  
111 of consent authorizing the director of revenue to compare financial information submitted by

112 the applicant with the Missouri individual income tax returns of the applicant, and the  
113 applicant's spouse, for the taxable year immediately preceding the year for which application  
114 is made, and to report any discrepancies to the coordinating board.

115 8. Grants shall be awarded in an amount equal to the actual tuition and general fees  
116 charged of an eligible student, after all federal nonloan aid, state student aid, and any other  
117 governmental student financial aid are applied. If a grant amount is reduced to zero due to the  
118 receipt of other aid, the eligible student shall receive an award of up to five hundred dollars or  
119 the remaining cost of attendance as calculated by the institution after all nonloan student aid  
120 has been applied, whichever is less, per academic term. Grants shall also be awarded in an  
121 amount equal to the related educational costs for an eligible apprentice after all other  
122 governmental assistance provided for the apprenticeship has been applied.

123 9. If appropriated funds are insufficient to fund the program as described, students  
124 and apprentices applying for renewed assistance shall be given priority until all funds are  
125 expended.

126 10. An eligible student that is the recipient of financial assistance may transfer from  
127 one approved public, private, or virtual institution, or eligible training provider to another  
128 without losing eligibility for assistance under this section, but the coordinating board shall  
129 make any necessary adjustments in the amount of the award. If a recipient of financial  
130 assistance at any time is entitled to a refund of any tuition or fees under the rules and  
131 regulations of the institution in which he or she is enrolled, the institution shall pay the  
132 portion of the refund that may be attributed to the grant to the coordinating board. The  
133 coordinating board shall use these refunds to make additional awards under the provisions of  
134 this section.

135 11. Persons who receive fast track grants under this section shall be required to  
136 submit proof of residency and qualifying employment to the coordinating board for higher  
137 education within thirty days of completing each twelve months of qualifying employment  
138 until the three-year employment obligation is fulfilled.

139 12. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

140 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall sunset  
141 automatically on August 28, 2029, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and

142 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section shall  
143 sunset automatically six years after the effective date of the reauthorization; and

144 (3) This section shall terminate on December thirty-first of the calendar year  
145 immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section  
146 is sunset.

147 13. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Fast Track Workforce  
148 Incentive Grant Fund". The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with

149 sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be  
150 a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely by the  
151 coordinating board for the purposes of this section.

152 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys  
153 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general  
154 revenue fund.

155 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other  
156 funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to  
157 the fund.

158 14. The coordinating board shall have the authority to promulgate rules to implement  
159 the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section  
160 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective  
161 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,  
162 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers  
163 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective  
164 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant  
165 of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2019, shall be  
166 invalid and void.

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