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HOUSE BILL NO. 2731

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHIELDS.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 173.2500 and 173.2505, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to dual enrollment courses.

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

Section A. Sections 173.2500 and 173.2505, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 173.2500 and 173.2505, to read as follows:

173.2500. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Approved dual credit provider", a board approved, accredited Missouri higher education institution that provides dual credit courses;

(2) **"Approved dual enrollment provider", any institution as defined in section 173.1102;**

(3) "Board", coordinating board for higher education;

~~(3)~~ (4) "Department", department of higher education and workforce development;

~~(4)~~ (5) "Dual credit courses", college level coursework delivered by a postsecondary education institution and taught in the high school by instructors with appropriate academic credentials to high school students who are earning high school and college credit simultaneously;

(6) **"Dual enrollment course", a postsecondary course of instruction delivered by an approved dual enrollment provider in which a secondary school student is concurrently enrolled in a Missouri high school and the approved dual enrollment provider.**

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 2. Each institution of higher education desiring to become or remain an approved dual
17 credit provider in this state shall annually make written application to the board on forms
18 furnished by the board. Such application shall include at a minimum the identification of all
19 locations where the institution will offer dual credit courses, the courses the institution plans
20 to offer, and the fee the institution will charge students per credit hour.

21 3. The department shall review the application and may conduct an investigation of
22 the applicant to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations promulgated under this
23 section. A dual credit course ~~[may]~~ **shall** not be advertised or represented as being delivered
24 by an approved dual credit provider in the absence of approval of the application by the
25 board.

26 4. The department shall maintain a listing of all approved dual credit providers and
27 shall make that listing publicly available, including through appropriate electronic media.

28 5. The board may promulgate administrative rules to implement this section,
29 including parameters for the approval of dual credit providers and establishing appropriate
30 fees as needed to generate funding sufficient to cover the entirety of costs associated with
31 operation of the dual credit provider certification process established in this section. Any rule
32 or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
33 authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is
34 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section
35 and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
36 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a
37 rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any
38 rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

39 6. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Dual Credit Certification
40 Fund", which shall consist of ~~[money]~~ **moneys** collected under this section. The state
41 treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the
42 state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and ~~[money]~~
43 **moneys** in the fund shall be used solely by the department for the purpose of funding the
44 costs associated with the operation of the dual credit certification process authorized by this
45 section.

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

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

173.2505. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Dual Credit **and**
2 **Dual Enrollment** Scholarship Act".

3 2. To be eligible to receive the dual credit **or dual enrollment** scholarship, **or both**, a
4 student shall:

5 (1) Be a United States citizen or permanent resident;

6 (2) Be a Missouri resident as defined by the coordinating board for higher education
7 pursuant to section 173.005;

8 (3) Be enrolled in a dual credit ~~[program]~~ **or dual enrollment course** offered by an
9 approved dual credit provider **or an approved dual enrollment provider**, as defined in
10 section 173.2500;

11 (4) Have a cumulative high school grade point average of at least two and a half on a
12 four point scale or equivalent; and

13 (5) Meet one or more of the following indicators of economic need:

14 (a) Be individually eligible to be enrolled in a federal free or reduced-price lunch
15 program, based on income levels established by the United States Department of Agriculture;

16 (b) Reside in a foster home, be a ward of the state, or be homeless **as defined by**
17 **Subtitle VII-B of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**; or

18 (c) Receive **as part of such student's immediate family** low-income public
19 assistance, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Special
20 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), or live in federally
21 subsidized public housing.

22 3. The dual credit **and dual enrollment** scholarship is hereby created to provide
23 financial assistance to high school students enrolling in dual credit **or dual enrollment**
24 courses offered by an approved dual credit **or dual enrollment** provider ~~[as defined in section~~
25 ~~173.2500]~~. The coordinating board may promulgate rules for the administration of the
26 program including establishing the application, eligibility, and payment procedures. Any rule
27 or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
28 authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is
29 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section
30 and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
31 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a
32 rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any
33 rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

34 4. Subject to appropriation, ~~[the dual credit scholarship shall reimburse]~~ **each** eligible
35 ~~[students for up to fifty percent of]~~ **student shall be offered a dual credit or dual**
36 **enrollment scholarship equal to** the tuition ~~[cost]~~ **and fees** paid by the student to enroll in a

37 dual credit **or dual enrollment** course offered by an approved dual credit **or dual enrollment**
38 provider.

39 5. ~~No student shall receive in excess of five hundred dollars annually for all dual~~
40 ~~credit courses taken by such student.~~

41 6.] There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Dual Credit **and Dual**
42 **Enrollment** Scholarship Fund", which shall consist of moneys appropriated to the fund by
43 the general assembly and private donations made to the fund. The state treasurer shall be the
44 custodian of the fund and shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds
45 are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the
46 fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys
47 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general
48 revenue fund.

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