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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 173.1103, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to reimbursements for dual credit courses.

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

Section A. Section 173.1103, RSMo, is repealed and one new section 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 173.1103, to read as follows:

173.1103. 1. The coordinating board shall be the administrative agency

- 2 for the implementation of the program established by sections 173.1101 to
- 3 173.1107. The coordinating board shall promulgate reasonable rules and
- 4 regulations for the exercise of its functions and the effectuation of the purposes
- 5 of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107. It shall prescribe the form and the time and
- 6 method of filing applications and supervise the processing thereof. The
- 7 coordinating board shall determine the criteria for eligibility of applicants and
- 8 shall evaluate each applicant's expected family contribution. It shall select
- 9 qualified recipients to receive financial assistance, make such awards of financial
- 10 assistance to qualified recipients, and determine the manner and method of
- 11 payment to the recipient.
- 12 2. The coordinating board shall determine eligibility for renewed
- 13 assistance on the basis of annual applications and annual evaluations of expected
- 14 family contribution. In awarding renewal grants, the coordinating board may
- 15 increase or decrease the amount of financial assistance to an applicant if such
- 16 action is warranted by a change in the financial condition of the applicant, the
- 17 applicant's spouse or parents, or the availability of funds for that year. As a
- 18 condition to consideration for initial or renewed assistance, the coordinating
- 19 board may require the applicant, the applicant's spouse and parents to execute
- 20 forms of consent authorizing the director of revenue of Missouri to compare

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- financial information submitted by the applicant with the Missouri individual income tax returns of the applicant, the applicant's spouse and parents for the taxable year immediately preceding the year for which application is made, and to report any discrepancies to the coordinating board.
- 25 3. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Access Missouri Financial Assistance Fund". The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund 26 and may approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 27 and 30.180. Upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely to 2829 provide financial assistance to qualified applicants as provided by sections 30 173.1101 to 173.1107. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the 31 contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not 32revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest 33 and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund. 34
 - 4. (1) The coordinating board shall, by administrative rule, establish a procedure for the reimbursement of a student's portion of fees for any dual credit courses. The coordinating board shall promulgate an administrative rule to establish eligibility requirements for a student to receive such reimbursements. The board shall include the following eligibility requirements in its administrative rule and may include additional eligibility requirements:
 - (a) A student shall attend for at least one year a public high school in the state as defined in section 160.011;
 - (b) A student shall have made a good faith effort to first secure all available federal sources of funding that could be applied to the reimbursement described in this section; and
- 47 (c) A student shall earn a minimum grade point average while in 48 high school as determined by the coordinating board.
 - (2) Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this subsection shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking

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authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall

58 be invalid and void.

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