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HOUSE BILL NO. 763

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES GRILL (Sponsor), HODGES,
ATKINS AND SCHIEFFER (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapters 506 and 570, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the Missouri diploma and transcript act, with a penalty provision.

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

Section A. Chapters 506 and 570, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto two new
2 sections, to be known as sections 506.530 and 570.095, to read as follows:

3 **506.530. 1. Any suit under section 570.095, RSMo, shall be filed in the county in**
4 **which the cause of action accrues or in the county where the plaintiff resides, and if there**
5 **be other defendants in such action who are residents of the state of Missouri, then such**
6 **action shall be brought in any county in which any one of said defendants resides, or in the**
7 **county within which the plaintiff resides and the defendant may be found.**

8 **2. Any civil suit under the provisions of section 570.095, RSMo, for a person**
9 **charged with unlawful use of a diploma or transcript may be filed:**

10 **(1) In the county in which the offense is committed;**

11 **(2) If the offense is committed partly in one county and partly in another, or if the**
12 **elements of the offense occur in more than one county, then in any of the counties where**
13 **any element of the offense occurred;**

14 **(3) In the county in which the defendant resides;**

15 **(4) In the county in which the victim resides; or**

(5) In the county in which the property obtained or attempted to be obtained was
located.

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.

2 **570.095. 1. This section shall be known as the "Missouri Diploma and Transcript**
3 **Act".**

4 **2. As used in this section the following terms shall mean:**

5 **(1) "Diploma", any document bearing record of graduation from or of a degree**
6 **conferred by an educational institution;**

7 **(2) "Transcript", any document which purports to be an official copy of a student's**
8 **educational record.**

9 **3. A person commits the crime of unlawful use of a diploma or transcript if such**
10 **person:**

11 **(1) Knowingly sells or offers for sale a diploma or transcript purporting to be a**
12 **diploma or transcript from an educational institution without the express written**
13 **authorization of the educational institution to sell or offer for sale such diploma or**
14 **transcript; or**

15 **(2) Knowingly offers as genuine a fraudulent diploma or transcript as proof of**
16 **educational attainment in applying to an institution of higher learning or on an application**
17 **for employment.**

4. Unlawful use of a diploma or transcript is a class D felony.

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