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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WALLINGFORD (Sponsor), FITZWATER, COOKSON, THOMSON, LICHTENEGGER, NETH, WRIGHT, HAMPTON, PARKINSON, REIBOLDT, McNARY, CAUTHORN, LONG, HODGES, TAYLOR, BERRY, BRANDOM, SHUMAKE, ROWLAND, MONTECILLO AND AULL (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

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

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 173.670, to read as follows:

173.670. 1. There is hereby established within the department of higher education the "Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Initiative". The department of higher education may award matching funds through this initiative to public institutions of higher education as part of the annual appropriations process.

2. The purpose of the initiative shall be to provide support to increase interest among elementary and secondary students in fields of study related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and to increase the number of Missouri students who enter these fields at Missouri's public two and four year institutions of higher education.

3. There is hereby created a "Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fund", which shall consist of money collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180. Upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this section. Any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall

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.

15 invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest
16 and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

17 **4. The general assembly may appropriate funds to the science, technology,
18 engineering, and mathematics fund to match institution funds to support the following
19 programs:**

20 **(1) Endowed teaching professor programs, which provide funds to support faculty
21 who teach undergraduate courses in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics fields
22 at public institutions of higher education;**

23 **(2) Scholarship programs, which provide financial aid or loan forgiveness awards
24 to Missouri students who study in the science, technology, engineering, or mathematics
25 fields or who plan to enter the teaching field in Missouri with an emphasis on science,
26 technology, engineering, and mathematics areas;**

27 **(3) Experiential youth programs at public colleges or universities, designed to
28 provide Missouri middle school and junior high school students with the opportunity to
29 experience science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields through camps or
30 other educational offerings;**

31 **(4) Career enhancement programs for current elementary and secondary teachers
32 in the science, technology, engineering, or mathematics fields to improve the quality of
33 teaching.**

34 **5. The department may promulgate rules and regulations for the administration
35 of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that
36 is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it
37 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,
38 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
39 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective
40 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the
41 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2011,
42 shall be invalid and void.**