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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH (85).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 174, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the institutional title of institutions of higher education.

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

Section A. Chapter 174, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 174.900, to read as follows:

174.900. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no institution of higher education in this state shall use the term "university" in its name unless the institution has been so approved by a regional accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no institution of higher education in this state shall use the term "college" in its name unless the institution has been so approved by a regional accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education, or uses an appropriate qualifier along with the word college, including but not limited to career, vocational, business, technical, art, or, in the case of a religious institution, bible or a denominational term.

3. New institutions authorized after August 28, 2013, using the term college shall be required to achieve accreditation from a regional accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education in a timely manner while demonstrating consistent good faith effort toward achieving such accreditation. Institutions authorized after August 28, 2013, that demonstrate in the application process that the institution is capable by program length, content, adequate physical site, and administrative capability of achieving regional accreditation may initially use the term college in its institutional title.

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.

18 **4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no institution of higher education**
19 **in this state may use the word "community college" in its name unless the institution has**
20 **a current articulation agreement with a regionally accredited college or university. Loss**
21 **of the articulation agreement shall require removal of the term community college as a**
22 **qualifier, to be replaced on a schedule agreement to the department of higher education**
23 **with an institutional name in compliance with this section.**

24 **5. Any institution failing to make good faith efforts in a timely manner towards**
25 **compliance with this section shall be required to change such institution's title.**

26 **6. The department of higher education may promulgate all necessary rules and**
27 **regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that**
28 **term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this**
29 **section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions**
30 **of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are**
31 **nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to**
32 **chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are**
33 **subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule**
34 **proposed or adopted after August 28, 2013, shall be invalid and void.**

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