

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2097

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CHIPMAN.

4668H.011

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to athletic scholarships.

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 173.740, to read as follows:

173.740. 1. **Notwithstanding any provision of law or policy of a public institution of higher education to the contrary, if a student athlete receiving an athletic scholarship from an athletic program at a public college or university, as defined in section 173.355, suffers an injury resulting from the student athlete's participation in the athletic program, such athletic program shall renew the student athlete's athletic scholarship at the same amount provided at the time of the injury until the student athlete obtains an undergraduate degree, subject to the other provisions of this section. Notwithstanding the above, such renewal shall not result in the student athlete receiving any athletic scholarship for more than five academic years.**

2. **For purposes of this section, a student athlete suffers an injury resulting from the student athlete's participation in the athletic program if the student athlete suffers an injury while participating in a sports-related activity required by the athletic program of the public college or university or while voluntarily participating in a sports-related activity with the intention of maintaining or improving the student athlete's performance in the sport for which he or she received the athletic scholarship.**

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 **3. The renewal of a student athlete's athletic scholarship under subsection 1 of this**
17 **section shall not be required if there is a basis for nonrenewal unrelated to an injury**
18 **resulting from the student athlete's participation in the athletic program.**

✓