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HOUSE BILL NO. 1974

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the transfer of college credits.

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
2 known as section 173.1450, to read as follows:

3 **173.1450. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known and referred to as the**
4 **"College Credit Disclosure Act".**

5 **2. Except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, institutions of higher education**
6 **located within the state that grant college-level credit that are not accredited by a regional**
7 **accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education shall disclose**
8 **during the admission application process, in writing, that the institution has not achieved**
9 **regional accreditation recognized by the department.**

10 **3. The disclosure required in subsection 2 of this section shall be provided to an**
11 **enrolling student prior to registering for any class granting credit and the student shall**
12 **sign the disclosure, either in writing or electronically, acknowledging receipt of such**
13 **disclosure. The disclosure provided shall contain the following wording, in no less than**
14 **fourteen-point font:**

15 **"College level credits earned at (Institution name) may not be transferrable to other**
16 **higher-learning/postsecondary learning institutions, including but not limited to**
17 **universities, colleges, junior colleges, community colleges, or trade schools accredited by**
18 **a regional accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Higher**
19 **Education.**

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 **Contact the institution receiving the transferred credit(s) for more information.".**
19 **4. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law, institutions of**
20 **higher education affiliated with religious organizations that are accredited by a national**
21 **faith-related accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of**
22 **Education shall be exempt from the disclosure requirements of this section.**

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