

HB 2043 -- EDUCATION INNOVATION INVESTMENT ACT

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This bill establishes the Education Innovation Investment Act that creates tax incentives for any eligible business that establishes a presence within an unused or vacant area owned by a public two-year and four-year higher education institution and their employees. To qualify for the tax incentives, the institution must demonstrate that:

- (1) The business will further the academic mission of the institution;
- (2) The business will have a positive community and economic impact, including whether the business would compete with businesses within the same community;
- (3) The institution and department agree on reasonable performance metrics for the eligible business, including the number of new jobs to be created; and
- (4) No land that was acquired by the institution by right of condemnation after August 28, 2014, is used.

The bill specifies that the first five years the eligible business is located in an unused or vacant area, an eligible business may subtract 50% of the eligible business's business income from the eligible business's federal adjusted gross income when determining Missouri adjusted gross income. Any Missouri resident employed at a new job at an eligible business may subtract \$10,000 of his or her income when determining Missouri adjusted gross income for the first five years the employee is employed at a new job in an unused or vacant area.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years after the effective date.