

HB 2122 -- TAX CREDIT FOR DONATIONS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Wright

Beginning January 1, 2015, this bill authorizes a tax credit for a qualified educational institution of 100% of the amount of any cash donation received from an individual or a business earmarked for student scholarships. A qualified educational institution is any public community college, public college, or public university located in Missouri. The educational institution must submit an application to the Department of Higher Education who must issue a tax credit certificate in the appropriate amount based on a first-come, first-served basis. The department will sell the credits to qualified taxpayers and the proceeds will be remitted to the institution to whom the credit previously belonged to be earmarked for the same scholarship program as the associated donation. The credit is not refundable, but can be carried forward for up to three years. The total amount of tax credits allowed in any calendar year cannot exceed \$10 million.

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