

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 650, Page 1, In the Title, Line 3, higher
2 education financial aid eligibility" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "elementary and secondary
3 education"; and
4

5 Further amend said bill and page, Section A, Line 2, by inserting after all of said section and line
6 the following:
7

8 "67.1790. 1. The governing body of any county of the first classification with more than
9 two hundred sixty thousand but fewer than three hundred thousand inhabitants or any city within
10 such county may impose by order or ordinance a sales tax on all retail sales made within the county
11 or city that are subject to sales tax under chapter 144 for the purpose of funding early childhood
12 education programs in the county or city. The tax shall not exceed one quarter of one percent and
13 shall be imposed solely for the purpose of funding early childhood education programs in the county
14 or city. The tax authorized in this section shall be in addition to all other sales taxes imposed by law
15 and shall be stated separately from all other charges and taxes. The order or ordinance imposing a
16 sales tax under this section shall not become effective unless the governing body of the county or
17 city submits to the voters residing within the county or city, at a general election, a proposal to
18 authorize the governing body of the county or city to impose a tax under this section.

19 2. The question of whether the tax authorized by this section shall be imposed shall be
20 submitted in substantially the following form:

21 OFFICIAL BALLOT

22 Shall (name of county/city) impose a (countywide/citywide) sales tax at a
23 rate of (insert rate) percent for the purpose of funding early childhood education in the county or
24 city?

25 ☐ YES ☐ NO

26 If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to
27 the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".
28

29 If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of
30 the question, the order or ordinance shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar
31 quarter after the director of revenue receives notice of the adoption of the tax. If a majority of the
32 votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the question, the
33 county or city may not impose the sales tax authorized under this section unless and until the
34 question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and such question is approved by a
35 majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.

36 3. On or after the effective date of any tax authorized under this section, the county or city

Standing Action Taken _____ Date _____

Select Action Taken _____ Date _____

that imposed the tax shall enter into an agreement with the director of the department of revenue for the purpose of collecting the tax authorized in this section. On or after the effective date of the tax the director of revenue shall be responsible for the administration, collection, enforcement, and operation of the tax, and sections 32.085 and 32.087 shall apply. All revenue collected under this section by the director of the department of revenue on behalf of any county or city, except for one percent for the cost of collection which shall be deposited in the state's general revenue fund, shall be deposited in a special trust fund, which is hereby created and shall be known as the "Early Childhood Education Sales Tax Trust Fund" and shall be used solely for the designated purposes. Moneys in the fund shall not be deemed to be state funds and shall not be commingled with any funds of the state. The director may make refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credited to the county or city for erroneous payments and overpayments made and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such county or city. Any funds in the special trust fund that are not needed for current expenditures shall be invested in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

4. In order to permit sellers required to collect and report the sales tax to collect the amount required to be reported and remitted, but not to change the requirements of reporting or remitting the tax, or to serve as a levy of the tax, and in order to avoid fractions of pennies, the governing body of the county or city may authorize the use of a bracket system similar to that authorized under section 144.285, and notwithstanding the provisions of that section, this new bracket system shall be used where this tax is imposed and shall apply to all taxable transactions. Beginning with the effective date of the tax, every retailer in the county or city shall add the sales tax to the sale price, and this tax shall be a debt of the purchaser to the retailer until paid and shall be recoverable at law in the same manner as the purchase price. For purposes of this section, all retail sales shall be deemed to be consummated at the place of business of the retailer.

5. All applicable provisions under sections 144.010 to 144.525 governing the state sales tax, and section 32.057, the uniform confidentiality provision, shall apply to the collection of the tax, and all exemptions granted to agencies of government, organizations, and persons under sections 144.010 to 144.525 are hereby made applicable to the imposition and collection of the tax. The same sales tax permit, exemption certificate, and retail certificate required under sections 144.010 to 144.525 for the administration and collection of the state sales tax shall satisfy the requirements of this section, and no additional permit or exemption certificate or retail certificate shall be required; except that, the director of revenue may prescribe a form of exemption certificate for an exemption from the tax. All discounts allowed the retailer under the state sales tax for the collection of and for payment of taxes are hereby allowed and made applicable to the tax. The penalties for violations provided under section 32.057 and sections 144.010 to 144.525 are hereby made applicable to violations of this section. If any person is delinquent in the payment of the amount required to be paid under this section, or in the event a determination has been made against the person for taxes and penalty under this section, the limitation for bringing suit for the collection of the delinquent tax and penalty shall be the same as that provided under sections 144.010 to 144.525.

6. The governing body of any county or city that has adopted the sales tax authorized in this section may submit the question of repeal of the tax to the voters at a general election. The ballot of submission shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall (insert the name of the county or city) repeal the sales tax imposed at a rate of (insert rate) percent for the purpose of funding early childhood education in the county or city?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".

1
2 If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of
3 repeal, that repeal shall become effective on December thirty-first of the calendar year in which
4 such repeal was approved. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters
5 voting thereon are opposed to the repeal, then the sales tax authorized in this section shall remain
6 effective until the question is resubmitted under this section to the qualified voters and the repeal is
7 approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question.

8 7. Whenever the governing body of any county or city that has adopted the sales tax
9 authorized in this section receives a petition, signed by ten percent of the registered voters of the
10 county or city voting in the last gubernatorial election, calling for an election to repeal the sales tax
11 imposed under this section, the governing body shall submit to the voters of the county or city a
12 proposal to repeal the tax. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters
13 voting thereon are in favor of the repeal, the repeal shall become effective on December thirty-first
14 of the calendar year in which such repeal was approved. If a majority of the votes cast on the
15 question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the repeal, then the sales tax
16 authorized in this section shall remain effective until the question is resubmitted under this section
17 to the qualified voters and the repeal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the
18 question.

19 8. If the tax is repealed or terminated by any means, all funds remaining in the special trust
20 fund shall continue to be used solely for the designated purposes, and the county or city shall notify
21 the director of the department of revenue of the action at least thirty days before the effective date of
22 the repeal and the director may order retention in the trust fund, for a period of one year, of two
23 percent of the amount collected after receipt of such notice to cover possible refunds or
24 overpayment of the tax and to redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such
25 accounts. After one year has elapsed after the effective date of abolition of the tax in such county or
26 city, the director shall remit the balance in the account to the county or city and close the account of
27 that county or city. The director shall notify each county or city of each instance of any amount
28 refunded or any check redeemed from receipts due the county or city.

29 9. The governing body of each county or city imposing the tax authorized under this section
30 shall select an existing community task force to administer the revenue from the tax received by the
31 county or city. Such revenue shall be expended only upon approval of an existing community task
32 force selected by the governing body of the county or city to administer the funds and only in
33 accordance with a budget approved by the county or city governing body.

34 10. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any tax authorized under the provisions of
35 this section shall be submitted to the voters of the taxing jurisdiction for retention or repeal every
36 five years using the same procedure by which the imposition of the tax was voted. If a majority of
37 the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters of the taxing jurisdiction voting thereon are in
38 favor of retention, the tax shall continue in effect. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by
39 the qualified voters of the taxing jurisdiction voting thereon are not in favor of retention, the tax
40 shall be repealed and that repeal shall become effective December thirty-first of the calendar year in
41 which such repeal was approved."; and

42
43 Further amend said bill, Pages 4-5, Section B, Lines 1-5, by deleting all of said lines and inserting in
44 lieu thereof the following:

45
46 "Section B. Because of the importance of providing financial aid for Missouri high school
47 graduates, section 160.545 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate
48 preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an

1 emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section 160.545 of section A of this act
2 shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval."; and
3
4 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
5 accordingly.