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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 174, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of the urban education institute.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 174, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 174.340, to read as follows:

174.340. 1. There is hereby established the "Urban Education Institute", a collaboration between students and faculty at Harris-Stowe State University, subject to appropriation by the general assembly.

2. The urban education institute shall implement a plan for addressing the urban education crisis in this state, which shall include, but not be limited to, developing a framework to accomplish the following:

(1) Improving the quality of education in urban areas, including recommendation for changes in curriculum, teaching staff, and school facilities;

(2) Assessing factors that lead to students leaving high school before graduation and working to eliminate those factors;

(3) Improving the quality of education in public schools so that students graduate with academic confidence and tools to prepare them for the workforce, higher education, or advanced technical training;

(4) Developing strategies to eliminate gaps in resources between poorer and wealthier jurisdictions;

(5) Leading socially conscious research and developing tools needed for institutions of higher education to produce equality in student outcomes; and

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 **(6) Devising strategies and implementing measures aimed at limiting and**
19 **decreasing provisionally accredited and unaccredited public school districts.**

20 **3. The institute shall be authorized to accept all gifts, bequests, donations, and**
21 **grants of any kind from any source, public or private; except that, the institute shall not**
22 **be authorized to accept any gifts, bequests, donations, and grants of any kind from any**
23 **committee defined under chapter 130 or any political entity.**

24 **4. The institute shall have, at a minimum, an executive director, two full-time**
25 **employees who are experienced and proficient in writing grant applications, and two**
26 **additional full-time employees.**

27 **5. In developing the plan, the institute may consult, collaborate, and work in**
28 **partnership with the education departments at three top-tier educational institutions in the**
29 **country, three top-tier historically black colleges and universities, and any college or**
30 **university in Missouri; and any other educational organizations.**

31 **6. The institute shall be prohibited from engaging in political lobbying or advocacy**
32 **or using any funds received under subsection 3 of this section or through appropriation to**
33 **fund political lobbying or advocacy on behalf of the institute.**

34 **7. The department of higher education shall promulgate all necessary rules and**
35 **regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that**
36 **term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this**
37 **section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions**
38 **of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are**
39 **nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to**
40 **chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are**
41 **subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule**
42 **proposed or adopted after August 28, 2017, shall be invalid and void.**

43 **8. Under section 23.253, of the Missouri sunset act:**

44 **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall**
45 **automatically sunset six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by**
46 **an act of the general assembly; and**

47 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**
48 **shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this**
49 **section; and**

50 **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately**
51 **following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.**

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