

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By \_\_\_\_\_

1 AMEND House Bill No. 1679, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by inserting immediately after said section and  
2 line the following:

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4 "160.545. 1. There is hereby established within the department of elementary and secondary  
5 education the "A+ Schools Program" to be administered by the commissioner of education. The program  
6 shall consist of grant awards made to public secondary schools that demonstrate a commitment to ensure  
7 that:

8 (1) All students be graduated from school;

9 (2) All students complete a selection of high school studies that is challenging and for which there  
10 are identified learning expectations; and

11 (3) All students proceed from high school graduation to a college or postsecondary vocational or  
12 technical school or high-wage job with work place skill development opportunities.

13 2. The state board of education shall promulgate rules and regulations for the approval of grants  
14 made under the program to schools that:

15 (1) Establish measurable districtwide performance standards for the goals of the program outlined in  
16 subsection 1 of this section; and

17 (2) Specify the knowledge, skills and competencies, in measurable terms, that students must  
18 demonstrate to successfully complete any individual course offered by the school, and any course of studies  
19 which will qualify a student for graduation from the school; and

20 (3) Do not offer a general track of courses that, upon completion, can lead to a high school diploma;  
21 and

22 (4) Require rigorous coursework with standards of competency in basic academic subjects for  
23 students pursuing vocational and technical education as prescribed by rule and regulation of the state board  
24 of education; and

25 (5) Have a partnership plan developed in cooperation and with the advice of local business persons,  
26 labor leaders, parents, and representatives of college and postsecondary vocational and technical school  
27 representatives, with the plan then approved by the local board of education. The plan shall specify a  
28 mechanism to receive information on an annual basis from those who developed the plan in addition to  
29 senior citizens, community leaders, and teachers to update the plan in order to best meet the goals of the  
30 program as provided in subsection 1 of this section. Further, the plan shall detail the procedures used in the  
31 school to identify students that may drop out of school and the intervention services to be used to meet the  
32 needs of such students. The plan shall outline counseling and mentoring services provided to students who  
33 will enter the work force upon graduation from high school, address apprenticeship and intern programs, and  
34 shall contain procedures for the recruitment of volunteers from the community of the school to serve in  
35 schools receiving program grants.

36 3. Any nonpublic school in this state may apply to the state board of education for certification that  
37 it meets the requirements of this section subject to the same criteria as public high schools. Every nonpublic  
38 school that applies and has met the requirements of this section shall have its students eligible for  
39 reimbursement of postsecondary education under subsection 8 of this section on an equal basis to students

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1 who graduate from public schools that meet the requirements of this section. Any nonpublic school that  
 2 applies shall not be eligible for any grants under this section. Students of certified nonpublic schools shall be  
 3 eligible for reimbursement of postsecondary education under subsection 8 of this section so long as they  
 4 meet the other requirements of such subsection. For purposes of subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of this  
 5 section, the nonpublic school shall be included in the partnership plan developed by the public school district  
 6 in which the nonpublic school is located. For purposes of subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this section, the  
 7 nonpublic school shall establish measurable performance standards for the goals of the program for every  
 8 school and grade level over which the nonpublic school maintains control.

9 4. A school district may participate in the program irrespective of its accreditation classification by  
 10 the state board of education, provided it meets all other requirements.

11 5. By rule and regulation, the state board of education may determine a local school district variable  
 12 fund match requirement in order for a school or schools in the district to receive a grant under the program.  
 13 However, no school in any district shall receive a grant under the program unless the district designates a  
 14 salaried employee to serve as the program coordinator, with the district assuming a minimum of one-half the  
 15 cost of the salary and other benefits provided to the coordinator. Further, no school in any district shall  
 16 receive a grant under the program unless the district makes available facilities and services for adult literacy  
 17 training as specified by rule of the state board of education.

18 6. For any school that meets the requirements for the approval of the grants authorized by this  
 19 section and specified in subsection 2 of this section for three successive school years, by August first  
 20 following the third such school year, the commissioner of education shall present a plan to the superintendent  
 21 of the school district in which such school is located for the waiver of rules and regulations to promote  
 22 flexibility in the operations of the school and to enhance and encourage efficiency in the delivery of  
 23 instructional services in the school. The provisions of other law to the contrary notwithstanding, the plan  
 24 presented to the superintendent shall provide a summary waiver, with no conditions, for the pupil testing  
 25 requirements pursuant to section 160.257 in the school. Further, the provisions of other law to the contrary  
 26 notwithstanding, the plan shall detail a means for the waiver of requirements otherwise imposed on the  
 27 school related to the authority of the state board of education to classify school districts pursuant to  
 28 subdivision (9) of section 161.092 and such other rules and regulations as determined by the commissioner  
 29 of education, except such waivers shall be confined to the school and not other schools in the school district  
 30 unless such other schools meet the requirements of this subsection. However, any waiver provided to any  
 31 school as outlined in this subsection shall be void on June thirtieth of any school year in which the school  
 32 fails to meet the requirements for the approval of the grants authorized by this section as specified in  
 33 subsection 2 of this section.

34 7. For any school year, grants authorized by subsections 1, 2, and 5 of this section shall be funded  
 35 with the amount appropriated for this program, less those funds necessary to reimburse eligible students  
 36 pursuant to subsection 8 of this section.

37 8. The department of higher education shall, by rule, establish a procedure for the reimbursement of  
 38 the cost of tuition, books and fees to any public community college or vocational or technical school or  
 39 within the limits established in subsection 10 of this section for any two-year private vocational or technical  
 40 school for any student:

41 (1) Who has attended a high school in the state for at least three years immediately prior to  
 42 graduation that meets the requirements of subsection 2 of this section; except that, students who are active  
 43 duty military dependents, and students who are dependants of retired military who relocate to Missouri  
 44 within one year of the date of the parent's retirement from active duty, who, in the school year immediately  
 45 preceding graduation, meet all other requirements of this subsection and are attending a school that meets the  
 46 requirements of subsection 2 of this section shall be exempt from the three-year attendance requirement of  
 47 this subdivision; and

48 (2) Who has made a good faith effort to first secure all available federal sources of funding that  
 49 could be applied to the reimbursement described in this subsection; and

50 (3) Who has earned a minimal grade average while in high school as determined by rule of the  
 51 department of higher education, and other requirements for the reimbursement authorized by this subsection  
 52 as determined by rule and regulation of the department[; and

53 ~~————(4) Who is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States].~~

1           9. The commissioner of education shall develop a procedure for evaluating the effectiveness of the  
2 program described in this section. Such evaluation shall be conducted annually with the results of the  
3 evaluation provided to the governor, speaker of the house, and president pro tempore of the senate.

4           10. For a two-year private vocational or technical school to obtain reimbursements under subsection  
5 8 of this section, the following requirements shall be satisfied:

6           (1) Such two-year private vocational or technical school shall be a member of the North Central  
7 Association and be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission as of July 1, 2008, and maintain such  
8 accreditation;

9           (2) Such two-year private vocational or technical school shall be designated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit  
10 organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

11           (3) No two-year private vocational or technical school shall receive tuition reimbursements in excess  
12 of the tuition rate charged by a public community college for course work offered by the private vocational or  
13 technical school within the service area of such college; and

14           (4) The reimbursements provided to any two-year private vocational or technical school shall not  
15 violate the provisions of Article IX, Section 8, or Article I, Section 7, of the Missouri Constitution or the first  
16 amendment of the United States Constitution.

17           173.262. 1. There is hereby established the "Marguerite Ross Barnett Competitiveness Scholarship  
18 Program", and any moneys appropriated by the general assembly for this program shall be used to provide  
19 scholarships for Missouri citizens to attend a Missouri college or university of their choice pursuant to the  
20 provisions of this section.

21           2. The definitions of terms set forth in section 173.205 shall be applicable to such terms as used in  
22 this section. The term "competitiveness scholarship" means an amount of money paid by the state of  
23 Missouri to a qualified college or university student pursuant to the provisions of this section.

24           3. The coordinating board for higher education shall be the administrative agency for the  
25 implementation of the program established by this section, and shall:

26           (1) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the exercise of its functions and the effectuation  
27 of the purposes of this section;

28           (2) Prescribe the form and the time and method of awarding competitiveness scholarships, and shall  
29 supervise the processing thereof; and

30           (3) Select qualified recipients to receive competitiveness scholarships, make such awards of  
31 competitiveness scholarships to qualified recipients and determine the manner and method of payment to the  
32 recipient.

33           4. A student shall be eligible for initial or renewed competitiveness scholarship if, at the time of his  
34 application and throughout the period during which he is receiving such assistance, he is a part-time student  
35 who:

36           (1) Is eighteen years of age or older;

37           (2) Is employed twenty hours or more per week;

38           (3) ~~Is a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States;~~

39           ~~—(4)~~ (4) Is a resident of the state of Missouri, as determined by reference to standards promulgated  
40 pursuant to section 173.140;

41           ~~[(5)]~~ (4) Is enrolled, or has been accepted for enrollment, as a part-time undergraduate student in an  
42 approved private or public institution; and

43           ~~[(6)]~~ (5) Establishes financial need.

44           5. A recipient of competitiveness scholarship awarded under the provisions of this section may  
45 transfer from one approved Missouri public or private institution to another without losing eligibility for the  
46 scholarship. If a recipient of the scholarship at any time withdraws from an approved private or public  
47 institution so that under the rules and regulations of that institution he is entitled to a refund of any tuition,  
48 fees or other charges, the institution shall pay the portion of the refund attributable to the scholarship for that  
49 term to the coordinating board for higher education.

50           173.1104. 1. An applicant shall be eligible for initial or renewed financial assistance only if, at the  
51 time of application and throughout the period during which the applicant is receiving such assistance, the  
52 applicant:

53           (1) ~~Is a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States;~~

1 ———(2)] Is a resident of the state of Missouri, as determined by reference to standards promulgated by  
2 the coordinating board;

3 [~~(3)~~] (2) Is enrolled, or has been accepted for enrollment, as a full-time undergraduate student in an  
4 approved private or public institution; and

5 [(4)] (3) Is not enrolled or does not intend to use the award to enroll in a course of study leading to a  
6 degree in theology or divinity.

7 2. If an applicant is found guilty of or pleads guilty to any criminal offense during the period of time  
8 in which the applicant is receiving financial assistance, such applicant shall not be eligible for renewal of  
9 such assistance, provided such offense would disqualify the applicant from receiving federal student aid  
10 under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

11 3. Financial assistance shall be allotted for one academic year, but a recipient shall be eligible for  
12 renewed assistance until he or she has obtained a baccalaureate degree, provided such financial assistance  
13 shall not exceed a total of ten semesters or fifteen quarters or their equivalent. Standards of eligibility for  
14 renewed assistance shall be the same as for an initial award of financial assistance, except that for renewal, an  
15 applicant shall demonstrate a grade-point average of two and five-tenths on a four-point scale, or the  
16 equivalent on another scale. This subsection shall be construed as the successor to section 173.215 for  
17 purposes of eligibility requirements of other financial assistance programs that refer to section 173.215.

18 173.2505. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the “Dual Credit Scholarship Act”.

19 2. To be eligible to receive the dual credit scholarship, a student shall:

20 (1) [~~Be a United States citizen or permanent resident;~~

21 ———(2)] Be a Missouri resident as defined by the coordinating board for higher education pursuant to  
22 section 173.005;

23 [~~(3)~~] (2) Be enrolled in a dual credit program offered by an approved dual credit provider, as defined  
24 in section 173.2500;

25 [(4)] (3) Have a cumulative high school grade point average of at least two and a half on a four point  
26 scale or equivalent; and

27 [(5)] (4) Meet one or more of the following indicators of economic need:

28 (a) Be individually eligible to be enrolled in a federal free or reduced-price lunch program, based on  
29 income levels established by the United States Department of Agriculture;

30 (b) Reside in a foster home, be a ward of the state, or be homeless; or

31 (c) Receive low-income public assistance, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
32 (SNAP) or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), or live in  
33 federally subsidized public housing.

34 3. The dual credit scholarship is hereby created to provide financial assistance to high school  
35 students enrolling in dual credit courses offered by an approved dual credit provider as defined in section  
36 173.2500. The coordinating board may promulgate rules for the administration of the program including  
37 establishing the application, eligibility, and payment procedures. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is  
38 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective  
39 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section  
40 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general  
41 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
42 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted  
43 after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

44 4. Subject to appropriation, the dual credit scholarship shall reimburse eligible students for up to  
45 fifty percent of the tuition cost paid by the student to enroll in a dual credit course offered by an approved  
46 dual credit provider.

47 5. No student shall receive in excess of five hundred dollars annually for all dual credit courses  
48 taken by such student.

49 6. There is hereby created in the state treasury the “Dual Credit Scholarship Fund”, which shall  
50 consist of moneys appropriated to the fund by the general assembly and private donations made to the fund.  
51 The state treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund and shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner  
52 as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the  
53 fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at

1 the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

2 173.2550. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known and may be cited to as the "Make  
3 America Great Again Act".

4 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be denied any post-secondary public  
5 education benefit based on the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of such person."; and  
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7 Further amend said bill and page, Section 173.1592, Line 4, by inserting immediately after said section and  
8 line the following:  
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10 "178.411. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

11 (1) "Board", state board of education;

12 (2) "Course", any unit of study for which an institution awards credit hours toward the completion  
13 of an education program;

14 (3) "Fee", any tuition or fee or both charged by an institution for attendance at that institution by a  
15 resident of this state;

16 (4) "Fee waiver", the relinquishment by the institution of its charge of fees to a homemaker  
17 according to the provisions of this section;

18 (5) "Homemaker", an individual whose principal job has been homemaking, who has lost his or her  
19 main source of income because of divorce, separation, death or disability of a spouse, long-term family  
20 income below poverty level, or loss of eligibility for public assistance, and who has not been employed on a  
21 full-time basis of forty hours per week for at least three years. Such full-time employment shall not include  
22 seasonal occupations;

23 (6) "Institution", a public area vocational-technical school or a public community college as  
24 established in this chapter;

25 (7) "Training program ready", the completion by a homemaker of a comprehensive vocational  
26 assessment of interests, aptitudes and abilities inventories or tests to ensure appropriate vocational  
27 educational placement from an approved vocational assessment/evaluation program, including the  
28 completion of a vocational orientation involving career decision-making activities, career exploration into  
29 nontraditional programs, new technologies and high demand occupations;

30 (8) "Vocational education program", an educational program for less than a baccalaureate degree, the  
31 controlling purpose of which is to prepare for profitable employment.

32 2. The board shall be the administrative agency for the implementation of this section. The board  
33 shall:

34 (1) Promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this section;

35 (2) Determine the procedures necessary for a homemaker to apply for and receive a fee waiver and  
36 provide the necessary forms;

37 (3) Determine eligibility guidelines for an institution to follow in the event that more homemakers  
38 apply for fee waivers in vocational education programs than the institution can accommodate in any  
39 particular enrollment period;

40 (4) Determine guidelines for individual eligibility and minimum standards in order for a homemaker  
41 to become and to remain eligible to receive a fee waiver, including becoming training program ready;

42 (5) Distribute annual grants to the institutions within the amounts appropriated therefor according to  
43 the provisions of this section.

44 3. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of this section shall become effective  
45 unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section 536.024.

46 4. Any other provision of the law to the contrary notwithstanding, an institution may waive the fee  
47 required for attendance in a vocational education program by a homemaker. Unless otherwise required by  
48 federal law, the receipt of the fee waiver shall not cause a reduction from any other agency benefits while the  
49 individual is enrolled in a vocational education program and for a period of six months after exit to full-time  
50 unsubsidized employment.

51 5. Within the limits of the amounts appropriated therefor, the board shall award an annual grant to  
52 each institution for fee waivers. The appropriated amount shall be divided between the area vocational-  
53 technical schools and the community colleges and shall be distributed according to the state plan for federal

1 vocational education funds.

2 6. A homemaker may receive a fee waiver from an institution if at the time of application and  
3 throughout the period during which the homemaker is receiving such waiver the homemaker is a [citizen or  
4 permanent resident of the United States, is a] resident of the state of Missouri as defined by the board, and is  
5 enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment in a vocational education program the purpose of which is to  
6 prepare for gainful employment. In no event shall a homemaker receive additional fee waivers beyond the  
7 completion of the vocational education program for which the homemaker is enrolled. A homemaker may  
8 change from one program to another prior to completion of the original program without loss of eligibility;  
9 provided, however, that the total credit hours for which fees are waived shall not exceed the equivalent credit  
10 hours of a community college associate's degree.

11 7. Nothing in this section shall be construed as a promise or guarantee that a homemaker will be  
12 admitted to an institution or to a particular program within that institution, that a homemaker will be allowed  
13 to continue after having been admitted, or will be graduated from a program at an institution. Each  
14 institution's rules and policies on student advancement shall apply to homemakers receiving fee waivers. An  
15 institution may subsequently refuse to waive fees if the homemaker has not made satisfactory progress or has  
16 withdrawn from the program prior to completion of the course without cause according to the institution's  
17 rules.

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19 ~~[173.1110. 1. No covered student unlawfully present in the United States shall receive a  
20 postsecondary education public benefit. Educational institutions awarding postsecondary education  
21 public benefits to covered students shall verify that these students are United States citizens,  
22 permanent residents, or lawfully present in the United States.~~

23 ~~2. The following documents, in hard copy or electronic form, may be used to document that  
24 a covered student is a United States citizen, permanent resident, or is lawfully present in the  
25 United States:~~

26 ~~(1) The Free Application for Student Aid Institutional Student Information Record;~~

27 ~~(2) A state-issued driver's license;~~

28 ~~(3) A state-issued nondriver's identification card;~~

29 ~~(4) Documentary evidence recognized by the department of revenue when processing an  
30 application for a driver's license or nondriver's identification card;~~

31 ~~(5) A United States birth certificate;~~

32 ~~(6) A United States military identification card; or~~

33 ~~(7) Any document issued by the federal government that confirms an alien's lawful presence  
34 in the United States.~~

35 ~~3. All postsecondary higher education institutions shall annually certify to the department of  
36 higher education that they have not knowingly awarded a postsecondary education public  
37 benefit to a covered student who is unlawfully present in the United States.~~

38 ~~4. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:~~

39 ~~(1) "Covered student", a student eighteen years of age or older, who has graduated from  
40 high school and is attending classes on the campus of a postsecondary educational institution  
41 during regularly scheduled academic sessions;~~

42 ~~(2) "Postsecondary education public benefit", institutional financial aid awarded by public  
43 postsecondary educational institutions and state-administered postsecondary grants and  
44 scholarships awarded by all postsecondary educational institutions to covered students.]~~

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46 ~~[208.009. 1. No alien unlawfully present in the United States shall receive any state or local  
47 public benefit, except for state or local public benefits that may be offered under 8 U.S.C.~~

48 ~~1621(b). Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the rendering of emergency  
49 medical care, prenatal care, services offering alternatives to abortion, emergency assistance,  
50 or legal assistance to any person.~~

51 ~~2. As used in this section, "public benefit" means any grant, contract, or loan provided by an  
52 agency of state or local government; or any retirement, welfare, health, disability, housing, or  
53 food assistance benefit under which payments, assistance, credits, or reduced rates or fees are~~

1 provided. The term "public benefit" shall not include postsecondary education public  
 2 benefits as defined in section 173.1110, any municipal permit, or contracts or agreements  
 3 between public utility providers and their customers or unemployment benefits payable  
 4 under chapter 288. The unemployment compensation program shall verify the lawful  
 5 presence of an alien for the purpose of determining eligibility for benefits in accordance with  
 6 its own procedures.

7 3. In addition to providing proof of other eligibility requirements, at the time of application  
 8 for any state or local public benefit, an applicant who is eighteen years of age or older shall  
 9 provide affirmative proof that the applicant is a citizen or a permanent resident of the United  
 10 States or is lawfully present in the United States. Such affirmative proof shall include  
 11 documentary evidence recognized by the department of revenue when processing an  
 12 application for a driver's license, a Missouri driver's license, as well as any document issued  
 13 by the federal government that confirms an alien's lawful presence in the United States. In  
 14 processing applications for public benefits, an employee of an agency of state or local  
 15 government shall not inquire about the legal status of a custodial parent or guardian applying  
 16 for a public benefit on behalf of his or her dependent child who is a citizen or permanent  
 17 resident of the United States.

18 4. An applicant who cannot provide the proof required under this section at the time of  
 19 application may alternatively sign an affidavit under oath, attesting to either United States  
 20 citizenship or classification by the United States as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent  
 21 residence, in order to receive temporary benefits or a temporary identification document as  
 22 provided in this section. The affidavit shall be on or consistent with forms prepared by the  
 23 state or local government agency administering the state or local public benefits and shall  
 24 include the applicant's Social Security number or any applicable federal identification  
 25 number and an explanation of the penalties under state law for obtaining public assistance  
 26 benefits fraudulently.

27 5. An applicant who has provided the sworn affidavit required under subsection 4 of this  
 28 section is eligible to receive temporary public benefits as follows:

29 (1) For ninety days or until such time that it is determined that the applicant is not lawfully  
 30 present in the United States, whichever is earlier; or

31 (2) Indefinitely if the applicant provides a copy of a completed application for a birth  
 32 certificate that is pending in Missouri or some other state. An extension granted under this  
 33 subsection shall terminate upon the applicant's receipt of a birth certificate or a determination  
 34 that a birth certificate does not exist because the applicant is not a United States citizen.

35 6. An applicant who is an alien shall not receive any state or local public benefit unless the  
 36 alien's lawful presence in the United States is first verified by the federal government. State  
 37 and local agencies administering public benefits in this state shall cooperate with the United  
 38 States Department of Homeland Security in achieving verification of an alien's lawful  
 39 presence in the United States in furtherance of this section. The system utilized may include  
 40 the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program operated by the United States  
 41 Department of Homeland Security. After an applicant's lawful presence in the United States  
 42 has been verified through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program, no  
 43 additional verification is required within the same agency of the state or local government.

44 7. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require any nonprofit organization  
 45 duly registered with the Internal Revenue Service to enforce the provisions of this section,  
 46 nor does it prohibit such an organization from providing aid.

47 8. Any agency that administers public benefits shall provide assistance in obtaining appropriate  
 48 documentation to persons applying for public benefits who sign the affidavit required by subsection 4 of this  
 49 section stating they are eligible for such benefits but lack the documents required under subsection 3 of this  
 50 section.]" and

51 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.  
 52