

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

Offered By

1 AMEND Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 549, Page 1, Section A, Line  
2 3, by inserting immediately after said section and line the following:

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4 "173.670. 1. There is hereby established within the department of higher education the "Missouri  
5 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Initiative". The department of higher education may  
6 award matching funds through this initiative to public institutions of higher education as part of the annual  
7 appropriations process.

8 2. The purpose of the initiative shall be to provide support to increase interest among elementary,  
9 secondary, and university students in fields of study related to science, technology, engineering, and  
10 mathematics and to increase the number of Missouri graduates in these fields at Missouri's public two- and  
11 four-year institutions of higher education.

12 3. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

13 (1) "Educational benefits", the funds provided by an employer to a qualified individual or to an  
14 accredited educational institution for a period of up to five years to pay any portion of the tuition or fees for a  
15 qualified individual pursuing an advanced certificate, associate's degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree,  
16 or doctorate degree in a field of study related to health care, science, engineering, mathematics, or  
17 information technology related programs;

18 (2) "Full-time position", an occupation lasting at least one year that consists of at least thirty hours  
19 of work per week;

20 (3) "Internship", a program lasting at least eight weeks that consists of at least fifteen hours of work  
21 per week;

22 (4) "State tax liability", any liability incurred by a taxpayer under the provisions of chapter 143,  
23 excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, or the tax imposed in chapter 147, 148,  
24 or 153;

25 (5) "STEM field", a field involving science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

26 4. There is hereby created a "Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fund", which shall  
27 consist of money collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may  
28 approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180. Upon appropriation,  
29 money in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this section. Any moneys remaining in the  
30 fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer  
31 shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys  
32 earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

33 [4-] 5. As part of the initiative, the department of higher education shall develop a process to award  
34 grants to Missouri public two- and four-year institutions of higher education and school districts that have  
35 entered into articulation agreements to offer information technology certification through technical course  
36 work leading to postsecondary academic credit through the program established in section 173.675.

37 [5-] 6. The general assembly may appropriate funds to the science, technology, engineering[;] and  
38 mathematics fund to match institution funds to support the following programs, as recommended by the  
39 department of higher education:

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1 (1) ~~[Endowed teaching professor programs, which provide funds to support faculty who teach~~  
2 ~~undergraduate courses in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics fields at public institutions of~~  
3 ~~higher education;~~

4 ~~—(2)] Scholarship programs, which provide financial aid or loan forgiveness awards to Missouri~~  
5 ~~students who study in the science, technology, engineering, or mathematics fields or who plan to enter the~~  
6 ~~teaching field in Missouri with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics areas; and~~

7 ~~[(3)] (2) Experiential youth programs [at public colleges or universities,] designed to provide~~  
8 ~~Missouri middle school, junior high, and high school students with the opportunity to experience science,~~  
9 ~~technology, engineering, and mathematics fields through camps or other educational offerings[;~~

10 ~~—(4) Career enhancement programs for current elementary and secondary teachers and professors at~~  
11 ~~Missouri public and private colleges and universities in the science, technology, engineering, or mathematics~~  
12 ~~fields to improve the quality of teaching].~~

13 7. Any taxpayer in the state of Missouri who provides educational benefits or selects a student  
14 majoring in a STEM field who is attending a two-year or four-year public or private Missouri college or  
15 university for an internship located in the state of Missouri, or who selects a student who recently graduated  
16 with a degree in a STEM field from any two-year or four-year public or private Missouri college or  
17 university for a full-time position in a STEM field located in the state of Missouri, may apply to have up to  
18 ten thousand dollars of the taxpayer's state tax liability transferred from the general revenue fund and placed  
19 in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fund established in subsection 4 of this section,  
20 upon approval by the department of higher education and appropriation by the general assembly. The  
21 department of higher education shall establish a procedure for approving applications under this section. For  
22 purposes of this subsection, the taxpayer's state tax liability shall be paid before a transfer under this  
23 subsection occurs. The cumulative amount of taxes transferred to the science, technology, engineering and  
24 mathematics fund under this subsection shall not exceed an annual total of two-hundred thousand dollars  
25 from all participating taxpayers in tax year 2019, with such amount adjusted annually for inflation as  
26 determined by the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for the United States as reported by the  
27 Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor index. In the event a donation is made to the fund from a third  
28 party, that donation shall not count towards such annual limit.

29 8. The department of higher education may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the  
30 administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is  
31 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is  
32 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter  
33 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to  
34 review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,  
35 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2018, shall be  
36 invalid and void."; and

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