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1 AMEND Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 180, Page 18, Section 620.2020, Line
2 219, by inserting after said section and line the following:

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4 "620.3500. Sections 620.3500 to 620.3530 shall be known and may be cited as the
5 "Missouri Rural Workforce Development Act".

6 620.3505. As used in sections 620.3500 to 620.3530, the following terms shall mean:

7 (1) "Affiliate", an entity that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries,
8 controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with another entity. An entity is controlled
9 by another entity if the controlling entity holds, directly or indirectly, the majority voting or
10 ownership interest in the controlled entity or has control over day-to-day operations of the
11 controlled entity by contract or by law;

12 (2) "Applicable percentage", zero percent for the first two credit allowance dates, and fifteen
13 percent for the next four credit allowance dates;

14 (3) "Capital investment", any equity investment in a rural fund by a rural investor which:

15 (a) Is acquired after the effective date of sections 620.3500 to 620.3530 at its original
16 issuance solely in exchange for cash;

17 (b) Has one hundred percent of its cash purchase price used by the rural fund to make
18 qualified investments in eligible businesses located in this state by the third anniversary of the initial
19 credit allowance date; and

20 (c) Is designated by the rural fund as a capital investment under sections 620.3500 to
21 620.3530 and is certified by the department under the provisions of section 620.3510. This shall
22 include any capital investment that does not meet the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection 1
23 of section 620.3510 if such investment was a capital investment in the hands of a prior holder;

24 (4) "Credit allowance date", the date on which the department certifies a rural fund's capital
25 investment and each of the five anniversary dates of such date thereafter;

26 (5) "Department", the Missouri department of economic development;

27 (6) "Eligible business", a business that, at the time of the initial qualified investment in the
28 business:

29 (a) Has fewer than two hundred fifty employees; and

30 (b) Has its principal business operations in one or more rural areas in this state.

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32 Any business which is classified as an eligible business at the time of the initial investment in such
33 business by a rural fund shall remain classified as an eligible business and may receive follow-on
34 investments from any rural fund, and such follow-on investments shall be qualified investments
35 even though such business may not meet the definition of an eligible business at the time of such
36 follow-on investments;

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- 1 (7) "Full-time job", a job in this state that is:
2 (a) Performed by an employee of an eligible business and requires thirty-five hours of work
3 or more per week;
4 (b) Contracted out by an eligible business to perform work equivalent of a full-time
5 employee of an eligible business; or
6 (c) A part-time equivalent;
7 (8) "Jobs created", the number of full-time jobs added by an eligible business during each
8 twelve-month period following the date of a rural fund's initial qualified investment; provided,
9 however, that if the number calculated is less than zero, such number shall be reported as zero;
10 (9) "Jobs retained", any full-time jobs that existed at an eligible business prior to a rural
11 fund's initial qualified investment that are retained by an eligible business following a rural fund's
12 initial qualified investment, calculated annually. The reported number of jobs retained for a year
13 shall only include full-time jobs that would have been lost or moved out of this state had the
14 qualified investment not been made, as certified in writing by affidavit by an executive officer of the
15 eligible business, and may not exceed the number reported on the initial report under section
16 620.3530;
17 (10) "Part-time equivalent", the number of part-time employees working less than thirty-five
18 hours per week employed by an eligible business equivalent to one full-time job, calculated by
19 taking the weekly average hours worked by part-time employees for a week aggregated to determine
20 the number of full-time equivalent jobs;
21 (11) "Principal business operations", the location where at least sixty percent of a business's
22 employees work or where employees who are paid at least sixty percent of such business's payroll
23 work. A business that has agreed to relocate employees using the proceeds of a qualified investment
24 to establish its principal business operations in a new location shall be deemed to have its principal
25 business operations in such new location if it satisfied the requirements of this subdivision no later
26 than one hundred eighty days after receiving a qualified investment;
27 (12) "Purchase price", the amount paid to the rural fund that issues a capital investment
28 which shall not exceed the amount of capital investment authority certified under the provisions of
29 section 620.3510;
30 (13) "Qualified investment", any investment in an eligible business or any loan to an eligible
31 business with a stated maturity date of at least one year after the date of issuance, not including
32 investment in the form of revolving lines of credit and senior secured debt unless the eligible
33 business has a credit refusal letter or similar correspondence from a depository institution or a
34 referral letter or similar correspondence from a depository institution referring the business to a rural
35 fund; provided that, with respect to any one eligible business, the maximum amount of investments
36 made in such business by one or more rural funds, on a collective basis with all of the businesses'
37 affiliates, with the proceeds of capital investments shall be the greater of twenty percent of the rural
38 fund's capital investment authority or six million five hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of
39 investments made with repaid or redeemed investments or interest or profits realized thereon;
40 (14) "Rural area", any county of this state that has a population of less than ninety thousand
41 according to the 2010 decennial census of the United States;
42 (15) "Rural fund", an entity certified by the department under the provisions of section
43 620.3510;
44 (16) "Rural investor", an entity that makes a capital investment in a rural fund;
45 (17) "State tax liability", any liability incurred by any entity subject to the state income tax
46 imposed under chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed under sections 143.191 to 143.265,
47 or an insurance company paying an annual tax on its gross premium receipts, including retaliatory
48 tax, or other financial institution paying taxes to the state or any political subdivision of the state
49 under the provisions of chapter 148, or an express company which pays an annual tax on its gross

1 receipts in this state.

2 620.3510. 1. A rural fund that seeks to have an equity investment certified as a capital
3 investment eligible for credits authorized under the provisions of sections 620.3500 to 620.3530
4 shall apply to the department. The department shall begin accepting applications within ninety days
5 of the effective date of sections 620.3500 to 620.3530. The application shall include:

6 (1) The amount of capital investment requested;

7 (2) A copy of the applicant's or an affiliate of the applicant's license as a rural business
8 investment company under 7 U.S.C. Section 2009cc or as a small business investment company
9 under 15 U.S.C. Section 681, and a certificate executed by an executive officer of the applicant
10 attesting that such license remains in effect and has not been revoked;

11 (3) Evidence that, as of the date the application is submitted, the applicant or affiliates of the
12 applicant have invested at least one hundred million dollars in nonpublic companies located in
13 counties within the United States with a population of less than fifty thousand according to the 2010
14 decennial census of United States;

15 (4) A business plan that includes a revenue impact assessment projecting state and local tax
16 revenue to be generated by the applicant's proposed qualified investments, prepared by a nationally
17 recognized, third-party, independent economic forecasting firm using a dynamic economic
18 forecasting model that analyzes the applicant's business plan over the ten years following the date
19 the application is submitted to the department. Such plan shall include an estimate of the number of
20 jobs created and jobs retained in this state as a result of the applicant's qualified investments; and

21 (5) A nonrefundable application fee of five thousand dollars payable to the department.

22 2. Within thirty days after the receipt of a completed application, the department shall grant
23 or deny the application in full or in part. The department shall deny the application if:

24 (1) The applicant does not satisfy all of the criteria provided under subsection 1 of this
25 section;

26 (2) The revenue impact assessment submitted with the application does not demonstrate that
27 the applicant's business plan will result in a positive fiscal impact on this state over a ten year period
28 that exceeds the cumulative amount of tax credits that would be issued to the applicant if the
29 application were approved; or

30 (3) The department has already approved the maximum amount of capital investment
31 authority under section 620.3515.

32 3. If the department denies any part of the application, it shall inform the applicant of the
33 grounds for such denial. If the applicant provides any additional information required by the
34 department or otherwise completes its application within fifteen days of the notice of denial, the
35 application shall be considered complete as of the original date of submission. If the applicant fails
36 to provide the information or fails to complete its application within the fifteen-day period, the
37 application shall remain denied and shall be resubmitted in full with a new submission date and a
38 new application fee.

39 4. Upon approval of an application, the department shall certify the proposed equity
40 investment as a capital investment eligible for credits under sections 620.3500 to 620.3530, subject
41 to the limitations contained in section 620.3515. The department shall provide written notice of the
42 certification to the rural fund and include the aggregate number of jobs created and jobs retained
43 required of the rural fund with such amount set forth in the rural fund's business plan prorated based
44 on the amount of capital investment actually certified to the rural fund by the department. The
45 department shall certify capital investments in the order that the applications are received by the
46 department. Applications received on the same day shall be deemed to have been received
47 simultaneously. For applications that are complete and received on the same day, the department
48 shall certify applications in proportionate percentages based upon the ratio of the amount of capital
49 investment authority requested in an application to the total amount of capital investment authority

1 requested in all applications.

2 620.3515. 1. The department may certify capital investment authority under the provisions
3 of sections 620.3500 to 620.3530 in amounts that would authorize not more than twenty-five million
4 dollars in state tax credits to be claimed against state tax liability in any calendar year, excluding any
5 credit amounts carried forward as provided under subsection 1 of section 620.3520. Within ninety
6 days of the applicant receiving notice of certification, the rural fund shall issue the capital
7 investment to, and receive cash in the amount of the certified amount from, a rural investor. At least
8 ten percent of the rural investor's capital investment shall be composed of capital raised by the rural
9 investor from sources, including directors, members, employees, officers, and affiliates of the rural
10 investor, other than the amount invested by the allocatee claiming the tax credits in exchange for
11 such allocation of tax credits. The rural fund shall provide the department with evidence of the
12 receipt of the cash investment within ninety-five days of the applicant receiving notice of
13 certification.

14 2. If the rural fund does not receive the cash investment and issue the capital investment
15 within such time period following receipt of the certification notice, the certification shall lapse and
16 the rural fund shall not issue the capital investment without reapplying to the department for
17 certification. Lapsed certifications shall revert to the department and shall be reissued pro rata to
18 applicants whose capital investment allocations were reduced in accordance with the application
19 process provided under subsection 4 of section 620.3520.

20 3. A rural fund, before making a qualified investment, may request from the department a
21 written opinion as to whether the business in which it proposes to invest is an eligible business. The
22 department, not later than the twentieth business day after the date of receipt of such request, shall
23 notify the rural fund of its determination. If the department fails to notify the rural fund of its
24 determination by the twentieth business day, the business in which the rural fund proposes to invest
25 shall be deemed an eligible business.

26 620.3520. 1. Upon making a capital investment in a rural fund, a rural investor shall have a
27 vested right to a credit against such entity's state tax liability that may be utilized on each credit
28 allowance date of such capital investment in an amount equal to the applicable percentage for such
29 credit allowance date multiplied by the purchase price paid to the rural fund for the capital
30 investment. The amount of the credit claimed by a rural investor shall not exceed the amount of
31 such entity's state tax liability for the tax year for which the credit is claimed. Any amount of credit
32 that a rural investor is prohibited from claiming in a taxable year as a result of this section may be
33 carried forward for use in any of the five subsequent taxable years, and shall not be carried back to
34 prior taxable years.

35 2. No credit claimed under the provisions of sections 620.3500 to 620.3530 shall be
36 refundable. Credits earned by or allocated to a partnership, limited liability company, or S-
37 corporation may be allocated to the partners, members, or shareholders of such entity for their direct
38 use in accordance with the provisions of any agreement among such partners, members, or
39 shareholders, and a rural fund shall notify the department of the names of the entities that are
40 eligible to utilize credits pursuant to an allocation of credits or a change in allocation of credits, or
41 due to a transfer of a capital investment upon such allocation, change, or transfer. Such allocation
42 shall not be considered a sale for the purposes of this section.

43 3. The department may recapture credits from a rural investor that claimed a credit
44 authorized under this section if:

45 (1) The rural fund does not invest sixty percent of its capital investment authority in
46 qualified investments in this state within two years of the credit allowance date, and one hundred
47 percent of its capital investment authority in qualified investments in this state within three years of
48 the credit allowance date;

49 (2) The rural fund fails to maintain qualified investments equal to ninety percent of its

1 capital investment authority from the third anniversary until the sixth anniversary of the credit
 2 allowance date. For each year the rural fund fails to maintain such investments, the department may
 3 recapture an amount of such year's allowed credits equal to the percentage difference between
 4 ninety percent of a rural fund's capital investment authority and the actual amount of qualified
 5 investments maintained for such year. For the purposes of this subdivision, a qualified investment is
 6 considered maintained even if the qualified investment was sold or repaid so long as the rural fund
 7 reinvests an amount equal to the capital returned or recovered by the rural fund from the original
 8 investment, exclusive of any profits realized, in other qualified investments in this state within
 9 twelve months of the receipt of such capital. Amounts received periodically by a rural fund shall be
 10 treated as continually invested in qualified investments if the amounts are reinvested in one or more
 11 qualified investments by the end of the following calendar year. A rural fund shall not be required
 12 to reinvest capital returned from qualified investments after the fifth anniversary of the credit
 13 allowance date, and such qualified investments shall be considered held continuously by the rural
 14 fund through the sixth anniversary of the credit allowance date;

15 (3) The rural fund, before exiting the program in accordance with sections 620.3500 to
 16 620.3530, makes a distribution or payment that results in the rural fund having less than ninety
 17 percent of its capital investment authority invested in qualified investments in this state; or

18 (4) The rural fund violates the provisions of section 620.3525, in which case the department
 19 may recapture an amount equal to the amount of a rural fund's capital investment authority found to
 20 be in violation of such provisions.

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 22 For the purposes of meeting and maintaining the objectives established for investment in
 23 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, a rural fund's qualified investments shall be multiplied by
 24 a factor of one and a quarter in counties with less than thirty thousand in population and more than
 25 thirteen thousand in population and shall be multiplied by a factor of one and a half in counties with
 26 a population of thirteen thousand or less.

27 4. Recaptured credits and the related capital investment authority shall revert to the
 28 department and shall be reissued pro rata to applicants whose capital investment allocations were
 29 reduced in accordance with the application process provided under subsection 4 of section
 30 620.3510.

31 5. No recapture shall occur until the rural fund has been given notice of noncompliance and
 32 afforded six months from the date of such notice to cure the noncompliance.

33 620.3525. No eligible business that receives a qualified investment under the provisions of
 34 sections 620.3500 to 620.3530, or any affiliates of such eligible businesses, shall directly or
 35 indirectly:

36 (1) Own or have the right to acquire an ownership interest in a rural fund or member or
 37 affiliate of a rural fund, including, but not limited to, a holder of a capital investment issued by the
 38 rural fund; or

39 (2) Loan to or invest in a rural fund or member or affiliate of a rural fund, including, but not
 40 limited to, a holder of a capital investment issued by a rural fund, where the proceeds of such loan or
 41 investment are directly or indirectly used to fund or refinance the purchase of a capital investment
 42 under sections 620.3500 to 620.3530.

43 620.3530. 1. Rural funds shall submit a report to the department within the first fifteen
 44 business days after the third anniversary of the initial credit allowance date that provides
 45 documentation as to the investment of one hundred percent of the purchase price of such capital
 46 investment in qualified investments. Such report shall include:

47 (1) The name and location of each eligible business receiving a qualified investment;

48 (2) Bank statements of such rural fund evidencing each qualified investment;

49 (3) A copy of the written opinion of the department, as provided in subsection 3 of section

1 620.3515, or evidence that such business was an eligible business at the time of such qualified
 2 investment, as applicable;

3 (4) The number of jobs created and jobs retained as a result of qualified investments as of
 4 the first, second and third anniversaries of the initial credit allowance date;

5 (5) The average annual salary of the jobs created and retained as a result of qualified
 6 investments; and

7 (6) Such other information as required by the department.

8 2. For all subsequent years, rural funds shall submit an annual report to the department
 9 within ninety days of the beginning of the calendar year during the compliance period. The report
 10 shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

11 (1) The number of jobs created and jobs retained as a result of qualified investments;

12 (2) The average annual salary of the jobs created and retained as a result of qualified
 13 investments; and

14 (3) Such other information as required by the department.

15 3. If at any time on or after the sixth anniversary of the credit allowance date a rural fund
 16 satisfies the jobs created and jobs retained amounts required in such fund's notice of certification as
 17 provided under subsection 4 of section 620.3510, then such rural fund shall no longer be subject to
 18 regulation under the provisions of sections 620.3500 to 620.3530 and may exit the program by
 19 providing written notice to the department certifying such rural fund has met its requirements and
 20 will be exiting the program.

21 4. A rural fund not meeting the job requirements may apply to the department to exit the
 22 program and no longer be subject to the regulation under the provisions of sections 620.3500 to
 23 620.3530 by paying the penalties provided under subsection 5 of this section, as applicable. The
 24 department shall respond to the exit application within fifteen days of receipt. In evaluating the exit
 25 application, the fact that no credits have been recaptured and that the rural fund has not received a
 26 notice of recapture that has not been cured pursuant to subsection 5 of section 620.3520 shall be
 27 sufficient evidence to prove that the rural fund is eligible for exit. The department shall not
 28 unreasonably deny an exit application submitted under this subsection. If the exit application is
 29 denied, the notice shall include the reasons for such determination.

30 5. (1) A rural fund is subject to a penalty in the amount provided under subdivision (2) of
 31 this subsection if:

32 (a) The rural fund authorizes a distribution to the rural fund's equity holders in an amount
 33 that, when added to all previous distributions to the rural fund's equity holders and any previous
 34 penalties under this section, exceeds the rural fund's capital investment authority; and

35 (b) The number of jobs created and jobs retained as a result of the rural fund's qualified
 36 investments, as reported on the rural fund's reports, is less than the number of jobs created and jobs
 37 retained included in such rural fund's notice of certification as provided under subsection 4 of
 38 section 620.3510.

39 (2) The amount of the penalty shall be equal to the amount of the distribution or fee paid by
 40 the rural fund that exceeds the rural fund's capital investment authority and multiplying such excess
 41 amount by a fraction:

42 (a) The numerator of which is the number of jobs created and jobs retained included in the
 43 rural fund's notice of certification as provided under subsection 4 of section 620.3510, less the
 44 number of jobs created and jobs retained reported in all of the rural fund's reports submitted
 45 pursuant to this section; and

46 (b) The denominator of which is the number of jobs created and jobs retained included in
 47 such rural fund's notice of certification as provided under subsection 4 of section 620.3510.

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 49 At the time of exit, before making a distribution to the rural fund's equity holders or payment of any

1 fees, the rural fund shall deduct the amount of the penalty from the equity distribution or fee and pay
2 such penalty to the department.
3 620.3531. The department shall not accept any new applications for tax credits authorized
4 under the provisions of sections 620.3500 to 620.6530 after December 31, 2029."; and
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6 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
7 accordingly.