

HOUSE BILL NO. 1282

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JUSTUS.

3260H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto five new sections relating to private college campus police.

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

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto five new sections, to be known as sections 173.2700, 173.2703, 173.2706, 173.2709, and 173.2712, to read as follows:

173.2700. 1. The provisions of sections 173.2700 to 173.2712 shall be known and may be cited as the "Private College Campus Protection Act".

2. For purposes of sections 173.2700 to 173.2712, the following terms mean:

(1) "Board", the governing board of a private college or private university;

(2) "Private college" or "private university", any college or university that:

(a) Is not owned or controlled by the state or any political subdivision thereof;

(b) Provides a program of education in residence leading to a baccalaureate degree, or provides a program of education in residence for which the baccalaureate degree is a prerequisite leading to an academic or professional degree;

(c) Is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission or other nationally recognized accrediting agency; and

(d) Is located within five miles of any city of the fourth classification with more than four thousand but fewer than four thousand five hundred inhabitants and located in any county of the first classification with more than fifty thousand but fewer than seventy thousand inhabitants.

3. The governing board of any private college or private university may appoint and employ as many college or university police officers as it may deem necessary to:

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 **(1) Enforce regulations established under section 173.2709 and general motor**
19 **vehicle laws of this state in accordance with section 173.2712, protect persons and property,**
20 **and preserve peace and good order only in the buildings, properties, grounds, and other**
21 **facilities and locations over which it has charge or control; and**

22 **(2) Respond to emergencies or natural disasters outside of the boundaries of college**
23 **or university property and provide services if requested by the law enforcement agency**
24 **with jurisdiction.**

173.2703. 1. The private college or private university police officers, before they
2 **enter upon their duties, shall take and subscribe an oath of office, before an officer**
3 **authorized to administer oaths, to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties thereof,**
4 **which oath shall be filed in the office of the board, and the secretary of the board shall give**
5 **each college police officer so appointed and qualified a certificate of appointment, under**
6 **the seal of the board, which certificate shall empower him or her with the same authority**
7 **to maintain order, preserve peace, and make arrests as is now held by peace officers.**

8 **2. The private college or private university police officers shall have the authority**
9 **to enforce the regulations established in section 173.2709 and general motor vehicle laws**
10 **in accordance with section 173.2712 on the campus as prescribed in chapter 304. The**
11 **private college or private university police officer may, in addition, expel from the**
12 **buildings, campuses, and grounds persons violating the rules and regulations that may be**
13 **prescribed by the board or others under the authority of the board.**

14 **3. Such officer or employee of the private college or private university as may be**
15 **designated by the board shall have immediate charge, control, and supervision of police**
16 **officers appointed by authority of this section. Such college or university police officers**
17 **shall have satisfactorily completed before appointment a training course for police officers**
18 **as prescribed by chapter 590 for state peace officers or, by virtue of previous experience**
19 **or training, have met the requirements of chapter 590 and have been licensed under that**
20 **chapter.**

173.2706. Nothing in sections 173.2700 to 173.2712 shall be construed as denying
2 **the board the right to appoint guards or watchmen who shall not be given the authority**
3 **and powers authorized by sections 173.2700 to 173.2712.**

173.2709. 1. For the purpose of promoting public safety, health, and general
2 **welfare and to protect life and property, the governing board of any private college or**
3 **private university may establish regulations to control vehicular traffic, including speed**
4 **regulations, on any thoroughfare owned or maintained by the college or university and**
5 **located within any of its campuses. Such regulations shall be consistent with the provisions**
6 **of the general motor vehicle laws of this state. Upon adoption of such regulations, the**

7 private college or private university shall have the authority to place official traffic control
8 signals, as defined in section 300.010, on campus property.

9 2. The regulations established by the governing board of the private college or
10 private university under subsection 1 of this section shall be codified, printed, and
11 distributed for public use. Adequate signs displaying the speed limit shall be posted along
12 such thoroughfares.

13 3. Violation of any regulation established under this section shall have the same
14 effect as a violation of municipal ordinances adopted under section 304.120, with penalty
15 provisions as provided in section 304.570. Points assessed against any person under section
16 302.302 for a violation of this section shall be the same as provided for a violation of a
17 county or municipal ordinance.

18 4. The provisions of this section shall apply only to moving violations.

173.2712. All motor vehicles operated upon any thoroughfare owned or maintained
2 by a private college or private university and located within any of its campuses shall be
3 subject to the provisions of the general motor vehicle laws of this state, including chapters
4 301, 302, 303, 304, 307, and 577. Violations shall have the same effect as though such
5 violations had occurred on public roads, streets, or highways of this state.

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