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SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1465

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 163.191, 172.280, 173.005, 174.160, 174.225, 174.231, 174.251, 174.324, 174.500, and 178.636, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to higher education, with an existing penalty provision.

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

Section A. Sections 163.191, 172.280, 173.005, 174.160, 174.225, 174.231, 174.251,

- 2 174.324, 174.500, and 178.636, RSMo, are repealed and nine new sections enacted in lieu
- 3 thereof, to be known as sections 163.191, 172.280, 173.005, 174.160, 174.225, 174.231,
- 4 174.251, 174.500, and 178.636, to read as follows:
 - 163.191. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:
- 2 (1) "Community college", an institution of higher education deriving financial resources
- 3 from local, state, and federal sources, and providing postsecondary education primarily for
- 4 persons above the twelfth grade age level, including courses in:
- 5 (a) Liberal arts and sciences, including general education;
- 6 (b) Occupational, vocational-technical; and
- 7 (c) A variety of educational community services.
- 8 Community college course offerings shall generally lead to the granting of certificates,
- 9 diplomas, or associate degrees, [but do not] and may include baccalaureate [or higher] degrees
- 10 only when authorized by the coordinating board for higher education in circumstances
- 11 where the level of education required in a field for accreditation or licensure increases to

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the baccalaureate degree level or, in the case of applied bachelor's degrees, the level of education required for employment in a field increases to that level, and when doing so would not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program, collaboration with a university is not feasible or the approach is not a viable means of meeting the needs of students and employers, and the institution has the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in a high-quality manner. Quality for such baccalaureate degree programs shall be evaluated at least in part by the delivery of upper-level coursework or competencies, and defined by accreditation or compliance with the Higher Learning Commission standards for bachelor's degrees;

- "Operating costs", all costs attributable to current operations, including all direct costs of instruction, instructors' and counselors' compensation, administrative costs, all normal operating costs and all similar noncapital expenditures during any year, excluding costs of construction of facilities and the purchase of equipment, furniture, and other capital items authorized and funded in accordance with subsection 6 of this section. Operating costs shall be computed in accordance with accounting methods and procedures to be specified by the department of higher education;
 - (3) "Year", from July first to June thirtieth of the following year.
- 2. Each year public community colleges in the aggregate shall be eligible to receive from state funds, if state funds are available and appropriated, an amount up to but not more than fifty percent of the state community colleges' planned operating costs as determined by the department The department of higher education shall review all institutional budget of higher education. requests and prepare appropriation recommendations annually for the community colleges under the supervision of the department. The department's budget request shall include a recommended level of funding.
- Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, distribution of appropriated funds to community college districts shall be in accordance with the community college resource allocation model. This model shall be developed and revised as appropriate cooperatively by the community colleges and the department of higher education. department of higher education shall recommend the model to the coordinating board for higher education for their approval. The core funding level for each community college shall initially be established at an amount agreed upon by the community colleges and the department of higher education. This amount will be adjusted annually for inflation, limited growth, and program improvements in accordance with the resource allocation model starting with fiscal year 1993.
- Unless the general assembly chooses to otherwise appropriate state funding, beginning in fiscal year 2016, at least ninety percent of any increase in core funding over the 46

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- appropriated amount for the previous fiscal year shall be distributed in accordance with the achievement of performance-funding measures under section 173.1006.
 - 4. The department of higher education shall be responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the resource allocation model and shall submit a report to the governor, the joint committee on education, the speaker of the house of representatives and president pro tempore of the senate by October 31, 2019, and every four years thereafter.
 - 5. The department of higher education shall request new and separate state aid funds for any new community college district for its first six years of operation. The request for the new district shall be based upon the same level of funding being provided to the existing districts, and should be sufficient to provide for the growth required to reach a mature enrollment level.
 - 6. In addition to state funds received for operating purposes, each community college district shall be eligible to receive an annual appropriation, exclusive of any capital appropriations, for the cost of maintenance and repair of facilities and grounds, including surface parking areas, and purchases of equipment and furniture. Such funds shall not exceed in any year an amount equal to ten percent of the state appropriations, exclusive of any capital appropriations, to community college districts for operating purposes during the most recently completed fiscal year. The department of higher education may include in its annual appropriations request the necessary funds to implement the provisions of this subsection and when appropriated shall distribute the funds to each community college district as appropriated. The department of higher education appropriations request shall be for specific maintenance, repair, and equipment projects at specific community college districts, shall be in an amount of fifty percent of the cost of a given project as determined by the coordinating board and shall be only for projects which have been approved by the coordinating board through a process of application, evaluation, and approval as established by the coordinating board. The coordinating board, as part of its process of application, evaluation, and approval, shall require the community college district to provide proof that the fifty-percent share of funding to be defrayed by the district is either on hand or committed for maintenance, repair, and equipment projects. Only salaries or portions of salaries paid which are directly related to approved projects may be used as a part of the fifty-percent share of funding.
 - 7. School districts offering two-year college courses pursuant to section 178.370 on October 31, 1961, shall receive state aid pursuant to subsection 2, subdivision (1) of subsection 3, and subsection 6 of this section if all scholastic standards established pursuant to sections 178.770 to 178.890 are met.
 - 8. In order to make postsecondary educational opportunities available to Missouri residents who do not reside in an existing community college district, community colleges organized pursuant to section 178.370 or sections 178.770 to 178.890 shall be authorized

pursuant to the funding provisions of this section to offer courses and programs outside the community college district with prior approval by the coordinating board for higher education. The classes conducted outside the district shall be self-sustaining except that the coordinating board shall promulgate rules to reimburse selected out-of-district instruction only where prior need has been established in geographical areas designated by the coordinating board for higher Funding for such off-campus instruction shall be included in the appropriation education. recommendations, shall be determined by the general assembly and shall continue, within the amounts appropriated therefor, unless the general assembly disapproves the action by concurrent resolution.

9. When distributing state aid authorized for community colleges, the state treasurer may, in any year if requested by a community college, disregard the provision in section 30.180 requiring the state treasurer to convert the warrant requesting payment into a check or draft and wire transfer the amount to be distributed to the community college directly to the community college's designated deposit for credit to the community college's account.

172.280. The curators shall have the authority to confer, by diploma, under their common seal, on any person whom they may judge worthy thereof, such degrees as are known to and usually granted by any college or university. The University of Missouri is the state's only public research university and the exclusive grantor of research doctorates. As such, except as provided in section 175.040, the University of Missouri shall be the only state college or university that may offer doctor of philosophy degrees or first-professional degrees, including dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine.

173.005. 1. There is hereby created a "Department of Higher Education", and the division of higher education of the department of education is abolished and all its powers, duties, functions, personnel and property are transferred as provided by the Reorganization Act of 1974, Appendix B, RSMo.

2. The commission on higher education is abolished and all its powers, duties, personnel and property are transferred by type I transfer to the "Coordinating Board for Higher Education", which is hereby created, and the coordinating board shall be the head of the department. The coordinating board shall consist of nine members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, and not more than five of its members shall be of the same political party. None of the members shall be engaged professionally as an educator or educational administrator with a public or private institution of higher education at the time appointed or during his term. Moreover, no person shall be appointed to the coordinating board who shall not be a citizen of the United States, and who shall not have been a resident of the state of Missouri two years next prior to appointment, and at least one but not more than two persons shall be appointed to said

- board from each congressional district. The term of service of a member of the coordinating board shall be six years and said members, while attending the meetings of the board, shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, nothing in this section relating to a change in the composition and configuration of congressional districts in this state shall prohibit a member who is serving a term on August 28, 2011, from The coordinating board may, in order to carry out the duties completing his or her term. prescribed for it in subsections 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8 of this section, employ such professional, clerical and research personnel as may be necessary to assist it in performing those duties, but this staff shall not, in any fiscal year, exceed twenty-five full-time equivalent employees regardless of the source of funding. In addition to all other powers, duties and functions transferred to it, the coordinating board for higher education shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
 - (1) The coordinating board for higher education [shall have approval of] may approve, not approve, or provisionally approve proposed new degree programs to be offered by the state institutions of higher education. The coordinating board may authorize a degree program outside an institution's coordinating board-approved mission only when the coordinating board has received clear evidence that the institution proposing to offer the program:
 - (a) Made a good-faith effort to explore the feasibility of offering the program in collaboration with an institution the mission of which includes offering the program;
 - (b) Is contributing substantially to the goals in the coordinating board's coordinated plan for higher education;
 - (c) Has the existing capacity to ensure the program is delivered in a high-quality manner;
 - (d) Has demonstrated that the proposed program is needed;
 - (e) Has a clear plan to meet the articulated workforce need; and
 - (f) Such other factors deemed relevant by the coordinating board;
 - (2) The governing board of each public institution of higher education in the state shall have the power and authority to confer degrees in chiropractic, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry only in collaboration with the University of Missouri, provided that such collaborative agreements are approved by the governing board of each institution and that in these instances the University of Missouri will be the degree-granting institution. Should the University of Missouri decline to collaborate in the offering of such programs, any of these institutions may seek approval of the program through the coordinating board for higher education's comprehensive review process when doing so would not unnecess a rily duplicate an existing program, collaboration is not feasible or a viable means of meeting

the needs of students and employers, and the institution has the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in a high quality manner;

- development of cooperative agreements between Missouri public four-year institutions of higher education which do not offer graduate degrees and Missouri public four-year institutions of higher education which do offer graduate degrees for the purpose of offering graduate degree programs on campuses of those public four-year institutions of higher education which do not otherwise offer graduate degrees. Such agreements shall identify the obligations and duties of the parties, including assignment of administrative responsibility. Any diploma awarded for graduate degrees under such a cooperative agreement shall include the names of both institutions inscribed thereon. Any cooperative agreement in place as of August 28, 2003, shall require no further approval from the coordinating board for higher education. Any costs incurred with respect to the administrative provisions of this subdivision may be paid from state funds allocated to the institution assigned the administrative authority for the program. The provisions of this subdivision shall not be construed to invalidate the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection;
- [(3)] (4) In consultation with the heads of the institutions of higher education affected and against a background of carefully collected data on enrollment, physical facilities, manpower needs, and institutional missions, the coordinating board for higher education shall establish guidelines for appropriation requests by those institutions of higher education; however, other provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1974 notwithstanding, all funds shall be appropriated by the general assembly to the governing board of each public four-year institution of higher education which shall prepare expenditure budgets for the institution;
- [(4)] (5) No new state-supported senior colleges or residence centers shall be established except as provided by law and with approval of the coordinating board for higher education;
- [(5)] (6) The coordinating board for higher education shall establish admission guidelines consistent with institutional missions;
- [(6)] (7) The coordinating board for higher education shall require all public two-year and four-year higher education institutions to replicate best practices in remediation identified by the coordinating board and institutions from research undertaken by regional educational laboratories, higher education research organizations, and similar organizations with expertise in the subject, and identify and reduce methods that have been found to be ineffective in preparing or retaining students or that delay students from enrollment in college-level courses;
- [(7)] (8) The coordinating board shall establish policies and procedures for institutional decisions relating to the residence status of students;

[(8)] (9) The coordinating board shall establish guidelines to promote and facilitate the transfer of students between institutions of higher education within the state and, with the assistance of the committee on transfer and articulation, shall require all public two-year and four-year higher education institutions to create by July 1, 2014, a statewide core transfer library of at least twenty-five lower division courses across all institutions that are transferable among all public higher education institutions. The coordinating board shall establish policies and procedures to ensure such courses are accepted in transfer among public institutions and treated The coordinating board shall as equivalent to similar courses at the receiving institutions. develop a policy to foster reverse transfer for any student who has accumulated enough hours in combination with at least one public higher education institution in Missouri that offers an associate degree and one public four-year higher education institution in the prescribed courses sufficient to meet the public higher education institution's requirements to be awarded an associate degree. The department of elementary and secondary education shall maintain the alignment of the assessments found in section 160.518 and successor assessments with the competencies previously established under this subdivision for entry-level collegiate courses in English, mathematics, foreign language, sciences, and social sciences associated with an institution's general education core;

[(9)] (10) The coordinating board shall collect the necessary information and develop comparable data for all institutions of higher education in the state. The coordinating board shall use this information to delineate the areas of competence of each of these institutions and for any other purposes deemed appropriate by the coordinating board;

[(10)] (11) Compliance with requests from the coordinating board for institutional information and the other powers, duties and responsibilities, herein assigned to the coordinating board, shall be a prerequisite to the receipt of any funds which the coordinating board is responsible for administering;

[(11)] (12) If any institution of higher education in this state, public or private, willfully fails or refuses to follow any lawful guideline, policy or procedure established or prescribed by the coordinating board, or knowingly deviates from any such guideline, or knowingly acts without coordinating board approval where such approval is required, or willfully fails to comply with any other lawful order of the coordinating board, the coordinating board may, after a public hearing, withhold or direct to be withheld from that institution any funds the disbursement of which is subject to the control of the coordinating board, or may remove the approval of the institution as an approved institution within the meaning of section 173.1102. If any such public institution willfully disregards board policy, the commissioner of higher education may order such institution to remit a fine in an amount not to exceed one percent of the institution's current fiscal year state operating appropriation to the board. The board shall hold such funds until such

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- 121 time that the institution, as determined by the commissioner of higher education, corrects the 122 violation, at which time the board shall refund such amount to the institution. 123 commissioner determines that the institution has not redressed the violation within one year, the 124 fine amount shall be deposited into the general revenue fund, unless the institution appeals such 125 decision to the full coordinating board, which shall have the authority to make a binding and 126 final decision, by means of a majority vote, regarding the matter. However, nothing in this 127 section shall prevent any institution of higher education in this state from presenting additional 128 budget requests or from explaining or further clarifying its budget requests to the governor or the 129 general assembly;
 - [(12)] (13) In recognition of institutions that meet the requirements of subdivision (2), (3), or (4) of subsection 1 of section 173.616, are established by name as an educational institution in Missouri, and are authorized to operate programs beyond secondary education for purposes of authorization under 34 CFR 600.9, the coordinating board for higher education shall maintain and publish on its website a list of such postsecondary educational institutions; and
 - [(13)] (14) (a) As used in this subdivision, the term "out-of-state public institution of higher education" shall mean an education institution located outside of Missouri that:
- 137 a. Is controlled or administered directly by a public agency or political subdivision or is 138 classified as a public institution by the state;
 - b. Receives appropriations for operating expenses directly or indirectly from a state other than Missouri;
 - c. Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at least six months in length leading to or directly creditable toward a degree or certificate;
- d. Meets the standards for accreditation by an accrediting body recognized by the United 144 States Department of Education or any successor agency; and
 - e. Permits faculty members to select textbooks without influence or pressure by any religious or sectarian source.
 - (b) No later than July 1, 2008, the coordinating board shall promulgate rules regarding:
- a. The board's approval process of proposed new degree programs and course offerings 149 by any out-of-state public institution of higher education seeking to offer degree programs or 150 course work within the state of Missouri; and
- 151 The board's approval process of degree programs and courses offered by any 152 out-of-state public institutions of higher education that, prior to July 1, 2008, were approved by 153 the board to operate a school in compliance with the provisions of sections 173.600 to 173.618. 154 The rules shall ensure that, as of July 1, 2008, all out-of-state public institutions seeking to offer 155 degrees and courses within the state of Missouri are evaluated in a manner similar to Missouri 156 public higher education institutions. Such out-of-state public institutions shall be held to

standards no lower than the standards established by the coordinating board for program approval and the policy guidelines of the coordinating board for data collection, cooperation, and resolution of disputes between Missouri institutions of higher education under this section. Any such out-of-state public institutions of higher education wishing to continue operating within this state must be approved by the board under the rules promulgated under this subdivision. The coordinating board may charge and collect fees from out-of-state public institutions to cover the costs of reviewing and assuring the quality of programs offered by out-of-state public institutions. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly under chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

- (c) Nothing in this subdivision or in section 173.616 shall be construed or interpreted so that students attending an out-of-state public institution are considered to be attending a Missouri public institution of higher education for purposes of obtaining student financial assistance.
- 3. The coordinating board shall meet at least four times annually with an advisory committee who shall be notified in advance of such meetings. The coordinating board shall have exclusive voting privileges. The advisory committee shall consist of thirty-two members, who shall be the president or other chief administrative officer of the University of Missouri; the chancellor of each campus of the University of Missouri; the president of each state-supported four-year college or university, including Harris-Stowe State University, Missouri Southern State University, Missouri Western State University, and Lincoln University; the president of State Technical College of Missouri; the president or chancellor of each public community college district; and representatives of each of five accredited private institutions selected biennially, under the supervision of the coordinating board, by the presidents of all of the state's privately supported institutions; but always to include at least one representative from one privately supported community college, one privately supported four-year college, and one privately supported university. The conferences shall enable the committee to advise the coordinating board of the views of the institutions on matters within the purview of the coordinating board.
- 4. The University of Missouri, Lincoln University, and all other state-governed colleges and universities, chapters 172, 174, 175, and others, are transferred by type III transfers to the department of higher education subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.

- 5. The state historical society, chapter 183, is transferred by type III transfer to the University of Missouri.
 - 6. The state anatomical board, chapter 194, is transferred by type II transfer to the department of higher education.
 - 7. All the powers, duties and functions vested in the division of public schools and state board of education relating to community college state aid and the supervision, formation of districts and all matters otherwise related to the state's relations with community college districts and matters pertaining to community colleges in public school districts, chapters 163, 178, and others, are transferred to the coordinating board for higher education by type I transfer. Provided, however, that all responsibility for administering the federal-state programs of vocational-technical education, except for the 1202a postsecondary educational amendments of 1972 program, shall remain with the department of elementary and secondary education. The department of elementary and secondary education and the coordinating board for higher education shall cooperate in developing the various plans for vocational-technical education; however, the ultimate responsibility will remain with the state board of education.
 - 8. All the powers, duties, functions, and properties of the state poultry experiment station, chapter 262, are transferred by type I transfer to the University of Missouri, and the state poultry association and state poultry board are abolished. In the event the University of Missouri shall cease to use the real estate of the poultry experiment station for the purposes of research or shall declare the same surplus, all real estate shall revert to the governor of the state of Missouri and shall not be disposed of without legislative approval.

174.160. The board of regents of each state college and each state teachers college shall have power and authority to confer upon students, by diploma under the common seal, such degrees as are usually granted by such colleges, and additional degrees only when authorized by the coordinating board for higher education in circumstances in which offering such degree would not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program, collaboration is not feasible or a viable means of meeting the needs of students and employers, and the institution has the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in a high-quality manner. In the case of nonresearch doctoral degrees in allied health professions, an institution may be authorized to offer such degree independently if offering it in collaboration with another institution would not increase the quality of the program or allow it to be delivered more efficiently. Such boards shall have the power and authority to confer degrees in engineering only in collaboration with the University of Missouri, provided that such collaborative agreements are approved by the governing board of each institution and that in these instances the University of Missouri will be the degree-granting institution. Should the University of Missouri decline to collaborate in the offering of such programs, one of

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174.225. [Missouri State University] No state college or university shall [not] seek the land grant designation held by Lincoln University and the University of Missouri [nor shall Missouri State University seek or the research designation currently held by the University of Missouri. [Missouri State University shall offer engineering programs and doctoral programs 4 only in cooperation with the University of Missouri, provided that such cooperative agreements are approved by the governing boards of each institution and that in these instances the University of Missouri shall be the degree-granting institution. Should the University of Missouri decline to cooperate in the offering of such programs within one year of the formal approval of the coordinating board, Missouri State University may cooperate with another educational institution, or directly offer the degree. In all cases, the offering of such degree programs shall be subject to the approval of the coordinating board for higher education, or any other higher education governing authority that may replace it. Missouri State University may offer doctoral programs in audiology and physical therapy. Missouri State University shall neither offer nor duplicate the professional programs at the University of Missouri including, without limitation, those that train medical doctors, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, optometrists, lawyers, and architects. The alteration of the name of Southwest Missouri State University to Missouri State University shall not entitle Missouri State University to any additional state funding.]

174.231. 1. On and after August 28, 2005, the institution formerly known as Missouri Southern State College located in Joplin, Jasper County, shall be known as "Missouri Southern State University". Missouri Southern State University is hereby designated and shall hereafter be operated as a statewide institution of international or global education. 4 Southern State University is hereby designated a moderately selective institution which shall provide associate degree programs except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, baccalaureate degree programs, and graduate degree programs pursuant to subdivisions (1) and [(2)] (3) of subsection 2 of section 173.005. The institution shall develop such academic support programs and public service activities it deems necessary and appropriate to establish international or global education as a distinctive theme of its mission. [Consistent with the 10 11 provisions of section 174.324, Missouri Southern State University is authorized to offer master's 12 level degree programs in accountancy, subject to the approval of the coordinating board for higher education as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of section 173.005. 13

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2. As of July 1, 2008, Missouri Southern State University shall discontinue any and all associate degree programs unless the continuation of such associate degree programs is approved by the coordinating board for higher education pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of section 173,005.

174.251. 1. On and after August 28, 2005, the institution formerly known as Missouri Western State College at St. Joseph, Buchanan County, shall hereafter be known as the "Missouri Western State University". Missouri Western State University is hereby designated and shall hereafter be operated as a statewide institution of applied learning. The Missouri Western State University is hereby designated an open enrollment institution which shall provide associate degree programs except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, baccalaureate degree programs, and graduate degree programs pursuant to subdivisions (1) and [(2)] (3) of subsection 2 of section 173.005. The institution shall develop such academic support programs as it deems necessary and appropriate to an open enrollment institution with a statewide mission of applied 10 learning. [Consistent with the provisions of section 174.324, Missouri Western State University is authorized to offer master's level degree programs in accountancy, subject to the approval of 11 12 the coordinating board for higher education as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of section 173.005. 13

- 2. As of July 1, 2010, Missouri Western State University shall discontinue any and all associate degree programs unless the continuation of such associate degree program is approved by the coordinating board for higher education pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection 2 of section 173.005.
- 174.500. 1. The board of governors of Missouri State University is authorized to continue the program of higher education at West Plains, Missouri, which was begun in 1963 and which shall be known as the "West Plains Campus of Missouri State University". Missouri State University may include an appropriation request for the branch facility at West Plains in its operating budget.
- 6 The coordinating board for higher education in cooperation with the board of governors shall develop a mission implementation plan for the campus at West Plains, Howell County, which is known as the "West Plains Campus of Missouri State University", and which 9 shall be a teaching institution, offering one-year certificates, two-year associate degrees and 10 credit and noncredit courses to both traditional and nontraditional students to meet the ongoing 11 and emerging employer and educational needs of the citizens of the area served. The West 12 Plains campus of Missouri State University may offer baccalaureate degrees only when 13 authorized by the coordinating board for higher education in circumstances where the 14 level of education required in a field for accreditation or licensure increases to the 15 baccalaureate degree level or, in the case of applied bachelor's degrees, the level of

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178.636. 1. State Technical College of Missouri shall be a special purpose institution that shall make available to students from all areas of the state exceptional educational opportunities through highly specialized and advanced technical education and training at the 4 certificate and associate degree level in both emerging and traditional technologies with particular emphasis on technical and vocational programs not commonly offered by community colleges or area vocational technical schools. Primary consideration shall be placed on the 6 industrial and technological manpower needs of the state. In addition, State Technical College of Missouri is authorized to assist the state in economic development initiatives and to facilitate the transfer of technology to Missouri business and industry directly through the graduation of technicians in advanced and emerging disciplines and through technical assistance provided to 11 business and industry. State Technical College of Missouri is authorized to provide technical 12 assistance to area vocational technical schools and community colleges through supplemental 13 on-site instruction and distance learning as such area vocational technical schools and 14 community colleges deem appropriate.

2. Consistent with the mission statement provided in subsection 1 of this section, State Technical College of Missouri shall offer vocational and technical programs leading to the granting of certificates, diplomas, and applied science associate degrees, or a combination thereof[, but not including]. State Technical College of Missouri may offer associate of arts or baccalaureate [or higher] degrees only when authorized by the coordinating board for higher education in circumstances where the level of education required in a field for accreditation or licensure increases to the baccalaureate degree level or, in the case of applied bachelor's degrees, the level of education required for employment in a field increases to that level, and when doing so would not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program, collaboration with a university is not feasible or the approach is not a viable means of meeting the needs of students and employers, and the institution has the academic and financial capacity to offer the program in a high-quality manner. Quality for such baccalaureate degree programs shall be evaluated at least in part by delivery of upper-level coursework or competencies, and defined by accreditation or compliance with the Higher

Learning Commission standards for bachelor's degrees. State Technical College of Missouri shall also continue its role as a recognized area vocational technical school as provided by policies and procedures of the state board of education.

[174.324. 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, Missouri Western State University and Missouri Southern State University may offer master's degrees in accounting, subject to any terms and conditions of the Missouri state board of accountancy applicable to any other institution of higher education in this state which offers such degrees, and subject to approval of the coordinating board for higher education.

2. Any new master's degree program offered at Missouri Southern State University, Missouri Western State University, or any other public institution of higher education in this state must be approved by the coordinating board for higher education pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection 2 of section 173.005.

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