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AN ACT

To repeal sections 160.545, 162.441, 166.435 as enacted by senate bill no. 366, ninety-eighth general assembly, first regular session, 166.435 as enacted by senate bill no. 863, ninety-fourth general assembly, second regular session, 173.1101, 173.1102, 173.1104, 173.1105, and 173.1107, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to higher education, with an emergency clause for a certain section.

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

Section A. Sections 160.545, 162.441, 166.435 as enacted by senate bill no. 366, ninety-
2 eighth general assembly, first regular session, 166.435 as enacted by senate bill no. 863, ninety-
3 fourth general assembly, second regular session, 173.1101, 173.1102, 173.1104, 173.1105, and
4 173.1107, RSMo, are repealed and nine new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as
5 sections 160.545, 162.441, 166.435, 173.1101, 173.1102, 173.1104, 173.1105, 173.1107, and
6 173.1592, to read as follows:

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

5 (1) All students be graduated from school;

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 3. Any nonpublic school in this state may apply to the state board of education for
35 certification that it meets the requirements of this section subject to the same criteria as public
36 high schools. Every nonpublic school that applies and has met the requirements of this section
37 shall have its students eligible for reimbursement of postsecondary education under subsection
38 8 of this section on an equal basis to students who graduate from public schools that meet the
39 requirements of this section. Any nonpublic school that applies shall not be eligible for any
40 grants under this section. Students of certified nonpublic schools shall be eligible for
41 reimbursement of postsecondary education under subsection 8 of this section so long as they
42 meet the other requirements of such subsection. For purposes of subdivision (5) of subsection
43 2 of this section, the nonpublic school shall be included in the partnership plan developed by the

44 public school district in which the nonpublic school is located. For purposes of subdivision (1)
45 of subsection 2 of this section, the nonpublic school shall establish measurable performance
46 standards for the goals of the program for every school and grade level over which the nonpublic
47 school maintains control.

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

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

58 6. For any school that meets the requirements for the approval of the grants authorized
59 by this section and specified in subsection 2 of this section for three successive school years, by
60 August first following the third such school year, the commissioner of education shall present
61 a plan to the superintendent of the school district in which such school is located for the waiver
62 of rules and regulations to promote flexibility in the operations of the school and to enhance and
63 encourage efficiency in the delivery of instructional services in the school. The provisions of
64 other law to the contrary notwithstanding, the plan presented to the superintendent shall provide
65 a summary waiver, with no conditions, for the pupil testing requirements pursuant to section
66 160.257 in the school. Further, the provisions of other law to the contrary notwithstanding, the
67 plan shall detail a means for the waiver of requirements otherwise imposed on the school related
68 to the authority of the state board of education to classify school districts pursuant to subdivision
69 (9) of section 161.092 and such other rules and regulations as determined by the commissioner
70 of education, except such waivers shall be confined to the school and not other schools in the
71 school district unless such other schools meet the requirements of this subsection. However, any
72 waiver provided to any school as outlined in this subsection shall be void on June thirtieth of any
73 school year in which the school fails to meet the requirements for the approval of the grants
74 authorized by this section as specified in subsection 2 of this section.

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

78 8. The department of higher education shall, by rule, establish a procedure for the
79 reimbursement of the cost of tuition, books and fees to any public community college or

80 vocational or technical school or within the limits established in subsection 10 of this section for
81 any two-year private vocational or technical school for any student:

82 (1) Who has attended a high school in the state for at least three years [~~immediately~~]
83 prior to graduation that meets the requirements of subsection 2 of this section **and who has**
84 **graduated from such a school**; except that, students who are active duty military dependents,
85 and students who are dependants of retired military who relocate to Missouri within one year of
86 the date of the parent's retirement from active duty, who, in the school year immediately
87 preceding graduation, meet all other requirements of this subsection and are attending a school
88 that meets the requirements of subsection 2 of this section shall be exempt from the three-year
89 attendance requirement of this subdivision; and

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

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

95 (4) Who is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

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

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

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

105 (2) Such two-year private vocational or technical school shall be designated as a
106 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

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

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

162.441. 1. If any school district desires to be attached **to a community college district**
2 **organized under sections 178.770 to 178.890 or** to one or more adjacent seven-director school

3 districts for school purposes, upon the receipt of a petition setting forth such fact, signed either
4 by voters of the district equal in number to ten percent of those voting in the last school election
5 at which school board members were elected or by a majority of the voters of the district,
6 whichever is the lesser, the school board of the district desiring to be so attached shall submit the
7 question to the voters.

8 2. As an alternative to the procedure in subsection 1 of this section, a seven-director
9 district may, by a majority vote of its board of education, propose a plan to the voters of the
10 district to attach the district to one or more adjacent seven-director districts and call ~~[for]~~ an
11 election upon the question of such plan.

12 3. **As an alternative to the procedures in subsection 1 or 2 of this section, a**
13 **community college district organized under sections 178.770 to 178.890 may, by a majority**
14 **vote of its board of trustees, propose a plan to the voters of the school district to attach the**
15 **school district to the community college district, levy the tax rate applicable to the**
16 **community college district at the time of the vote of the board of trustees, and call an**
17 **election upon the question of such plan. The tax rate applicable to the community college**
18 **district shall not be levied as to the school district until the proposal by the board of**
19 **trustees of the community college district has been approved by a majority vote of the**
20 **voters of the school district at the election called for that purpose. The community college**
21 **district shall be responsible for the costs associated with the election.**

22 4. A plat of the proposed changes to all affected districts shall be published and posted
23 with the notice of election.

24 ~~[4-]~~ 5. The question shall be submitted in substantially the following form:
25 Shall the _____ school district be annexed to the _____ school districts
26 effective the _____ day of _____, _____?

27 ~~[5-]~~ 6. If a majority of the votes cast in the district proposing annexation favor
28 annexation, the secretary shall certify the fact, with a copy of the record, to the board of the
29 district and to the boards of the districts to which annexation is proposed; whereupon the boards
30 of the seven-director districts to which annexation is proposed shall meet to consider the
31 advisability of receiving the district or a portion thereof, and if a majority of all the members of
32 each board favor annexation, the boundary lines of the seven-director school districts from the
33 effective date shall be changed to include the district, and the board shall immediately notify the
34 secretary of the district which has been annexed of its action.

35 ~~[6-]~~ 7. Upon the effective date of the annexation, all indebtedness, property and money
36 on hand belonging thereto shall immediately pass to the seven-director school district. If the
37 district is annexed to more than one district, the provisions of sections 162.031 and 162.041 shall
38 apply.

166.435. 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the assets of the savings program held by the board, the assets of any deposit program authorized in section 166.500, and the assets of any qualified tuition savings program established pursuant to Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code and any income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation by the state or any of its political subdivisions. Income earned or received from the savings program, deposit, or other qualified tuition savings programs established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code ~~[program]~~, or refunds of qualified higher education expenses received by a beneficiary from an eligible educational institution in connection with withdrawal from enrollment at such institution which are contributed within sixty days of withdrawal to a qualified tuition savings program of which such individual is a beneficiary shall not be subject to state income tax imposed pursuant to chapter 143 and shall be eligible for any benefits provided in accordance with Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. The exemption from taxation pursuant to this section shall apply only to assets and income maintained, accrued, or expended pursuant to the requirements of the savings program established pursuant to sections 166.400 to 166.455, the deposit program established pursuant to sections 166.500 to 166.529, and other qualified tuition savings programs established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, and no exemption shall apply to assets and income expended for any other purposes. Annual contributions made to the savings program held by the board, the deposit program, and any qualified tuition savings program established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code up to and including eight thousand dollars per participating taxpayer, and up to sixteen thousand dollars for married individuals filing a joint tax return, shall be subtracted in determining Missouri adjusted gross income pursuant to section 143.121.

2. If any deductible contributions to or earnings from any such program referred to in this section are distributed and not used to pay qualified higher education expenses, **not transferred as allowed by 26 U.S.C. 529(c)(3)(C)(i), as amended, and any Internal Revenue Service regulations or guidance issued in relation thereto**, or are not held for the minimum length of time established by the appropriate Missouri board, **then** the amount so distributed shall be ~~added to~~ **included in** the Missouri adjusted gross income of the participant, or, if the participant is not living, the beneficiary.

3. The provisions of this section shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, and the provisions of this section with regard to sections 166.500 to 166.529 shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2004.

~~[4. The repeal and reenactment of this section shall become effective only upon notification by the State Treasurer to the Revisor of Statutes of the passage of H.R. 529 of the 114th United States Congress.]~~

~~[166.435. 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the assets of the savings program held by the board, the assets of any deposit program authorized in section 166.500, and the assets of any qualified tuition savings program established pursuant to Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code and any income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation by the state or any of its political subdivisions. Income earned or received from the savings program, deposit, or other qualified tuition savings programs established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code program shall not be subject to state income tax imposed pursuant to chapter 143 and shall be eligible for any benefits provided in accordance with Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. The exemption from taxation pursuant to this section shall apply only to assets and income maintained, accrued, or expended pursuant to the requirements of the savings program established pursuant to sections 166.400 to 166.455, the deposit program established pursuant to sections 166.500 to 166.529, and other qualified tuition savings programs established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, and no exemption shall apply to assets and income expended for any other purposes. Annual contributions made to the savings program held by the board, the deposit program, and any qualified tuition savings program established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code up to and including eight thousand dollars per participating taxpayer, and up to sixteen thousand dollars for married individuals filing a joint tax return, shall be subtracted in determining Missouri adjusted gross income pursuant to section 143.121.~~

~~2. If any deductible contributions to or earnings from any such program referred to in this section are distributed and not used to pay qualified higher education expenses or are not held for the minimum length of time established by the appropriate Missouri board, the amount so distributed shall be added to the Missouri adjusted gross income of the participant, or, if the participant is not living, the beneficiary.~~

~~3. The provisions of this section shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, and the provisions of this section with regard to sections 166.500 to 166.529 shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2004.]~~

173.1101. The financial assistance program established under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107 shall be hereafter known as the "Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program". The coordinating board and all approved private ~~[and]~~, public, **and virtual** institutions in this state shall refer to the financial assistance program established under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107 as the access Missouri student financial assistance program in their scholarship literature, provided that no institution shall be required to revise or amend any such literature to comply with this section prior to the date such literature would otherwise be revised, amended, reprinted or replaced in the ordinary course of such institution's business.

173.1102. 1. As used in sections 173.1101 to 173.1107, unless the context requires
2 otherwise, the following terms mean:

3 (1) "Academic year", the period from July first of any year through June thirtieth of the
4 following year;

5 (2) "Approved private institution", a nonprofit institution, dedicated to educational
6 purposes, located in Missouri which:

7 (a) Is operated privately under the control of an independent board and not directly
8 controlled or administered by any public agency or political subdivision;

9 (b) Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at least six months in length leading
10 to or directly creditable toward a certificate or degree;

11 (c) Meets the standards for accreditation as determined by either the Higher Learning
12 Commission or by other accrediting bodies recognized by the United States Department of
13 Education or by utilizing accreditation standards applicable to nondegree-granting institutions
14 as established by the coordinating board for higher education;

15 (d) Does not discriminate in the hiring of administrators, faculty and staff or in the
16 admission of students on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin and is in
17 compliance with the Federal Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 and executive orders issued
18 pursuant thereto. Sex discrimination as used herein shall not apply to admission practices of
19 institutions offering the enrollment limited to one sex;

20 (e) Permits faculty members to select textbooks without influence or pressure by any
21 religious or sectarian source;

22 (3) "Approved public institution", an educational institution located in Missouri which:

23 (a) Is directly controlled or administered by a public agency or political subdivision;

24 (b) Receives appropriations directly or indirectly from the general assembly for operating
25 expenses;

26 (c) Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at least six months in length leading
27 to or directly creditable toward a degree or certificate;

28 (d) Meets the standards for accreditation as determined by either the Higher Learning
29 Commission, or if a public community college created under the provisions of sections 178.370
30 to 178.400 meets the standards established by the coordinating board for higher education for
31 such public community colleges, or by other accrediting bodies recognized by the United States
32 Department of Education or by utilizing accreditation standards applicable to the institution as
33 established by the coordinating board for higher education;

34 (e) Does not discriminate in the hiring of administrators, faculty and staff or in the
35 admission of students on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin and is otherwise

36 in compliance with the Federal Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 and executive orders issued
37 pursuant thereto;

38 (f) Permits faculty members to select textbooks without influence or pressure by any
39 religious or sectarian source;

40 (4) **"Approved virtual institution", an educational institution that meets all of the**
41 **following requirements:**

42 (a) **Is recognized as a qualifying institution by gubernatorial executive order, unless**
43 **such order is rescinded;**

44 (b) **Is recognized as a qualifying institution through a memorandum of**
45 **understanding between the state of Missouri and the approved virtual institution;**

46 (c) **Is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States**
47 **Department of Education;**

48 (d) **Has established and continuously maintains a physical campus or location of**
49 **operation within the state of Missouri;**

50 (e) **Maintains at least twenty-five full-time Missouri employees, at least one-half of**
51 **which shall be faculty or administrators engaged in operations;**

52 (f) **Enrolls at least one thousand Missouri residents as degree or certificate seeking**
53 **students;**

54 (g) **Maintains a governing body or advisory board based in Missouri with oversight**
55 **of Missouri operations;**

56 (h) **Is organized as a nonprofit institution; and**

57 (i) **Utilizes an exclusively competency-based education model;**

58 (5) "Coordinating board", the coordinating board for higher education;

59 [~~5~~] (6) "Expected family contribution", the amount of money a student and family
60 should pay toward the cost of postsecondary education as calculated by the United States
61 Department of Education and reported on the student aid report or the institutional student
62 information record;

63 [~~6~~] (7) "Financial assistance", an amount of money paid by the state of Missouri to a
64 qualified applicant under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107;

65 [~~7~~] (8) "Full-time student", an individual who is enrolled in and is carrying a sufficient
66 number of credit hours or their equivalent at an approved private [~~or~~] , public, **or virtual**
67 institution to secure the degree or certificate toward which he or she is working in no more than
68 the number of semesters or their equivalent normally required by that institution in the program
69 in which the individual is enrolled. This definition shall be construed as the successor to
70 subdivision (7) of section 173.205 for purposes of eligibility requirements of other financial
71 assistance programs that refer to section 173.205.

72 **2. The failure of an approved virtual institution to continuously maintain all of the**
73 **requirements in paragraphs (a) to (i) of subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this section shall**
74 **preclude such institution's students or applicants from being eligible for assistance under**
75 **sections 173.1104 and 173.1105.**

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

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

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

7 (3) Is enrolled, or has been accepted for enrollment, as a full-time undergraduate student
8 in an approved private [Ø] , public, **or virtual** institution; and

9 (4) Is not enrolled or does not intend to use the award to enroll in a course of study
10 leading to a degree in theology or divinity.

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

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

173.1105. 1. An applicant who is an undergraduate postsecondary student at an
2 approved private [Ø] , public, **or virtual** institution and who meets the other eligibility criteria
3 shall be eligible for financial assistance, with a minimum and maximum award amount as
4 follows:

5 (1) For academic years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14:

6 (a) One thousand dollars maximum and three hundred dollars minimum for students
7 attending institutions classified as part of the public two-year sector;

8 (b) Two thousand one hundred fifty dollars maximum and one thousand dollars
9 minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public four-year sector,
10 including State Technical College of Missouri; and

11 (c) Four thousand six hundred dollars maximum and two thousand dollars minimum for
12 students attending approved private institutions;

13 (2) For the 2014-15 academic year and subsequent years:

14 (a) One thousand three hundred dollars maximum and three hundred dollars minimum
15 for students attending institutions classified as part of the public two-year sector; and

16 (b) Two thousand eight hundred fifty dollars maximum and one thousand five hundred
17 dollars minimum for students attending institutions classified as part of the public four-year
18 sector, including State Technical College of Missouri, ~~or~~ approved private institutions, **or**
19 **approved virtual institutions.**

20 2. All students with an expected family contribution of twelve thousand dollars or less
21 shall receive at least the minimum award amount for his or her institution. Maximum award
22 amounts for an eligible student with an expected family contribution above seven thousand
23 dollars shall be reduced by ten percent of the maximum expected family contribution for his or
24 her increment group. Any award amount shall be reduced by the amount of a student's payment
25 from the A+ schools program or any successor program to it. For purposes of this subsection,
26 the term "increment group" shall mean a group organized by expected family contribution in five
27 hundred dollar increments into which all eligible students shall be placed.

28 3. If appropriated funds are insufficient to fund the program as described, the maximum
29 award shall be reduced across all sectors by the percentage of the shortfall. If appropriated funds
30 exceed the amount necessary to fund the program, the additional funds shall be used to increase
31 the number of recipients by raising the cutoff for the expected family contribution rather than by
32 increasing the size of the award.

33 4. Every three years, beginning with academic year 2009-10, the award amount may be
34 adjusted to increase no more than the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U),
35 1982-1984 = 100, not seasonally adjusted, as defined and officially recorded by the United States
36 Department of Labor, or its successor agency, for the previous academic year. The coordinating
37 board shall prepare a report prior to the legislative session for use of the general assembly and
38 the governor in determining budget requests which shall include the amount of funds necessary
39 to maintain full funding of the program based on the baseline established for the program upon
40 the effective date of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107. Any increase in the award amount shall not
41 become effective unless an increase in the amount of money appropriated to the program
42 necessary to cover the increase in award amount is passed by the general assembly.

173.1107. A recipient of financial assistance may transfer from one approved public [ø] , private, or virtual institution to another without losing eligibility for assistance under sections 173.1101 to 173.1107, but the coordinating board shall make any necessary adjustments in the amount of the award. If a recipient of financial assistance at any time is entitled to a refund of any tuition, fees, or other charges under the rules and regulations of the institution in which he or she is enrolled, the institution shall pay the portion of the refund which may be attributed to the state grant to the coordinating board. The coordinating board will use these refunds to make additional awards under the provisions of sections 173.1101 to 173.1107.

173.1592. After July 1, 2019, no public institution of higher education in this state shall require any student to purchase meal plans or to dine at on-campus facilities when a student has presented medical documentation of a food allergy or sensitivity, or a medical dietary issue, to the institution.

Section B. Because of the importance of providing financial aid for Missouri high school graduates, the repeal and reenactment of section 160.545 is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the repeal and reenactment of section 160.545 shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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