

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2474

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 174, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of the urban education institute.

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

Section A. Chapter 174, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 174.340, to read as follows:

**174.340. 1. There is hereby established the "Urban Education Institute", a collaboration between students and faculty at Harris-Stowe State University and Lincoln University, subject to appropriation by the general assembly.**

**2. The urban education institute shall implement a plan for addressing the urban education crisis in this state, which shall include, but not be limited to, developing a framework to accomplish the following:**

**(1) Improving the quality of education in urban areas, including recommendation for changes in curriculum, teaching staff, and school facilities;**

**(2) Assessing factors that lead to students leaving high school before graduation and working to eliminate those factors;**

**(3) Improving the quality of education in public schools so that students graduate with academic confidence and tools to prepare them for the workforce, higher education, or advanced technical training;**

**(4) Developing strategies to eliminate gaps in resources between poorer and wealthier jurisdictions;**

**(5) Leading socially conscious research and developing tools needed for institutions of higher education to produce equality in student outcomes; 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.

18           **(6) Devising strategies and implementing measures aimed at limiting and**  
19 **decreasing provisionally accredited and unaccredited public school districts.**

20           **3. The institute shall be authorized to accept all gifts, bequests, donations, and**  
21 **grants of any kind from any source, public or private; except that, the institute shall not**  
22 **be authorized to accept any gifts, bequests, donations, and grants of any kind from any**  
23 **committee defined under chapter 130 or any political entity.**

24           **4. The institute shall have, at a minimum, an executive director, two full-time**  
25 **employees who are experienced and proficient in writing grant applications, and two**  
26 **additional full-time employees.**

27           **5. In developing the plan, the institute may consult, collaborate, and work in**  
28 **partnership with the education departments at three top-tier educational institutions in the**  
29 **country, three top-tier historically black colleges and universities, and any college or**  
30 **university in Missouri; and any other educational organizations.**

31           **6. The institute shall be prohibited from engaging in political lobbying or advocacy**  
32 **or using any funds received under subsection 3 of this section or through appropriation to**  
33 **fund political lobbying or advocacy on behalf of the institute.**

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

43           **8. Under section 23.253, of the Missouri sunset act:**

44           **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall**  
45 **automatically sunset six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by**  
46 **an act of the general assembly; and**

47           **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**  
48 **shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this**  
49 **section; and**

50           **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately**  
51 **following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.**

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