

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2495

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JUSTUS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

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

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*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; and**

**(c) Is accredited by the North Central Association or other nationally recognized accrediting agency.**

**3. The governing board of any private college or university may appoint and employ as many college or university police officers as it may deem necessary to enforce regulations established under section 173.2709 and general motor vehicle laws of this state in accordance with section 173.2712, to protect persons, property, and to preserve peace and good order only in the buildings, properties, grounds, and other facilities and locations over which it has charge or control, and to respond to emergencies or natural disasters**

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 outside of the boundaries of university property and provide services if requested by the  
19 law enforcement agency with jurisdiction.

20 **173.2703. 1. The private college or university police officers, before they enter upon  
2 their duties, shall take and subscribe an oath of office before some officer authorized to  
3 administer oaths, to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties thereof, which oath  
4 shall be filed in the office of the board, and the secretary of the board shall give each  
5 college police officer so appointed and qualified a certificate of appointment, under the seal  
6 of the board, which certificate shall empower him or her with the same authority to  
7 maintain order, preserve peace, and make arrests as is now held by peace officers.**

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

14 **3. Such officer or employee of the private college or university as may be designated  
15 by the board shall have immediate charge, control, and supervision of police officers  
16 appointed by authority of this section. Such college or university police officers shall have  
17 satisfactorily completed before appointment a training course for police officers as  
18 prescribed by chapter 590 for state peace officers or, by virtue of previous experience or  
19 training, have met the requirements of chapter 590 and have been certified 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 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 university shall have the authority to place official traffic control signals,  
8 as defined in section 300.010, on campus property.**

9 **2. The regulations established by the governing board of the private college or  
10 university under subsection 1 of this section shall be codified, printed, and distributed for**

11 public use. Adequate signs displaying the speed limit shall be posted along such  
12 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 university and located within any of its campuses shall be subject**  
3 **to the provisions of the general motor vehicle laws of this state, including chapters 301, 302,**  
4 **303, 304, 307, and 577. Violations shall have the same effect as though such had occurred**  
5 **on public roads, streets, or highways of this state.**

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