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# SENATE BILL NO. 672

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HOUGH.

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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 173.2553 and 173.2554, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to workforce development.

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

Section A. Sections 173.2553 and 173.2554, RSMo, are  
2 repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be  
3 known as sections 21.915, 173.2553, and 620.2250, to read as  
4 follows:

21.915. 1. **There is established a permanent joint**  
2 **committee of the general assembly to be known as the "Joint**  
3 **Committee on Rural Economic Development" which shall be**  
4 **composed of five members of the senate, no more than three**  
5 **of which shall be from the majority party, appointed by the**  
6 **president pro tempore of the senate, and five members of the**  
7 **house of representatives, no more than three of which shall**  
8 **be from the majority party, appointed by the speaker of the**  
9 **house of representatives. A majority of the members of the**  
10 **committee shall constitute a quorum. The members shall**  
11 **annually select one of the members to be the chair and one**  
12 **of the members to be the vice chair. The speaker of the**  
13 **house of representatives and the president pro tempore of**

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

14 the senate shall appoint the respective majority members.  
15 The minority leader of the house of representatives and the  
16 minority leader of the senate shall appoint the respective  
17 minority members. The members shall receive no additional  
18 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and  
19 necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of  
20 their duties. No major party shall be represented on the  
21 committee by more than three members from the senate nor by  
22 more than three members from the house of representatives.  
23 The committee is authorized to meet and act year round and  
24 to employ the necessary personnel within the limits of  
25 appropriations. The staff of the committee on legislative  
26 research, house research, and senate research shall provide  
27 necessary clerical, research, fiscal, and legal services to  
28 the committee, as the committee may request.

29 2. It shall be the duty of the committee to:

30 (1) Examine any trending population declines  
31 throughout rural counties in Missouri utilizing data from  
32 the last previous decennial census of the United States,  
33 including identifying any anomalous rural areas that saw  
34 population increases;

35 (2) Identify economic opportunities for third class  
36 counties, including identifying viable industries for rural  
37 areas of the state and businesses that are relocating from  
38 other states;

39 (3) Monitor the deployment and adoption of broadband  
40 internet in rural areas of the state;

41 (4) Examine the issue of restricted access to quality  
42 healthcare and insurance in rural areas of the state;

43 (5) Identify the need for and development of expanded  
44 learning opportunities in rural areas, including workforce  
45 development, skilled labor training, and online training;

46           (6) Examine infrastructure issues in rural areas in  
47 the state, including opportunities to mitigate geographical  
48 isolation and a review of transportation development plans  
49 to embolden economic vitality in rural areas of the state;

50           (7) Identify key contributors and solutions to poverty  
51 and unemployment trends in rural areas of the state;

52           (8) Develop policies to maximize existing state  
53 programs, including existing economic development tax credit  
54 programs and tourism programs; and

55           (9) Identify and examine any other issues that the  
56 committee determines to be affecting rural areas of the  
57 state.

58           3. The committee may compile a full report of its  
59 activities for submission to the general assembly, which  
60 shall include any recommendations which the committee may  
61 have for legislative action as well as any recommendations  
62 for administrative or procedural changes in the internal  
63 management or organization of state government agencies and  
64 departments. Copies of the report containing such  
65 recommendations shall be sent to the appropriate directors  
66 of state departments and agencies included in the report.

67           4. All state departments, commissions, and offices  
68 shall cooperate with and assist the committee in the  
69 performance of its duties and shall make available all  
70 books, records, and information requested.

173.2553. 1. There is hereby established a "Fast  
2 Track Workforce Incentive Grant", and any moneys  
3 appropriated by the general assembly for this program shall  
4 be **deposited in the fund created in subsection 12 of this**  
5 **section and shall be** used to provide grants for Missouri  
6 citizens to attend an approved Missouri postsecondary

7 institution of their choice in accordance with the  
8 provisions of this section.

9 2. The definitions of terms set forth in section  
10 173.1102 shall be applicable to such terms as used in this  
11 section and section 173.2554. In addition, the following  
12 terms shall mean:

13 (1) **"Active apprentice status", formal participation**  
14 **in an apprenticeship that meets any related requirements as**  
15 **defined by the organization providing the apprenticeship or**  
16 **the United States Department of Labor;**

17 (2) **"Board", the coordinating board for higher**  
18 **education;**

19 [(2)] (3) **"Eligible apprentice", an individual who:**

20 (a) **Is a citizen or permanent resident of the United**  
21 **States;**

22 (b) **Is a Missouri resident as determined by reference**  
23 **to standards promulgated by the coordinating board;**

24 (c) **Has active apprentice status in an eligible**  
25 **apprenticeship;**

26 (d) **Has an adjusted gross income as reported on their**  
27 **Missouri individual income tax return, that does not exceed**  
28 **eighty thousand dollars for married filing joint taxpayers**  
29 **or forty thousand dollars for all other taxpayers; and**

30 (e) **Is twenty-five years of age or older at the time**  
31 **of entering the apprenticeship or has not been enrolled in a**  
32 **postsecondary education program, other than one related to**  
33 **the current apprenticeship, for the prior two calendar years;**

34 (4) **"Eligible apprenticeship", a United States**  
35 **Department of Labor approved apprenticeship, as defined**  
36 **under 29 CFR Part 29, conducted within the state of Missouri**  
37 **that prepares a participant to enter employment in an area**

38 of occupational shortage as determined by the coordinating  
39 board;

40 (5) "Eligible program of study", a program of  
41 instruction:

42 (a) Resulting in the award of a certificate,  
43 undergraduate degree, or other industry-recognized  
44 credential; and

45 (b) That has been designated by the coordinating board  
46 as preparing students to enter an area of occupational  
47 shortage as determined by the board;

48 [(3)] (6) "Eligible student", an individual who:

49 (a) Has completed and submitted a FAFSA for the  
50 academic year for which the grant is requested **or if the**  
51 **student is enrolled, or is enrolling, with an eligible**  
52 **training provider that does not participate in federal**  
53 **student aid programs, has provided documentation of their**  
54 **adjusted gross income as determined by the board;**

55 (b) Is a citizen or permanent resident of the United  
56 States;

57 (c) Is a Missouri resident **for at least two years**  
58 **prior to receiving a grant pursuant to the fast track**  
59 **workforce incentive grant program** as determined by reference  
60 to standards promulgated by the coordinating board, **provided**  
61 **that this paragraph shall not apply to an individual who is**  
62 **an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United**  
63 **States who has been transferred to the state of Missouri, or**  
64 **his or her spouse;**

65 (d) Is enrolled, or plans to enroll, at least half-  
66 time as a student in an eligible undergraduate program of  
67 study offered by an approved public, private, or virtual  
68 institution, as defined in section 173.1102 **or by an**  
69 **eligible training provider;**

70 (e) Has an adjusted gross income, as reported on the  
71 FAFSA **or other documentation as determined by the board,**  
72 that does not exceed eighty thousand dollars for married  
73 filing joint taxpayers or forty thousand dollars for all  
74 other taxpayers; and

75 (f) Is twenty-five years of age or older at the time  
76 of enrollment or has not been enrolled in an educational  
77 program for the prior two academic years;

78 **(7) "Eligible training provider", a training**  
79 **organization listed in the state of Missouri eligible**  
80 **training provider system maintained by the office of**  
81 **workforce development in the department of higher education**  
82 **and workforce development;**

83 [(4)] **(8) "FAFSA",** the Free Application for Federal  
84 Student Aid, as maintained by the United States Department  
85 of Education;

86 [(5)] **(9) "Fast track grant",** an amount of moneys paid  
87 by the state of Missouri to a student under the provisions  
88 of this section;

89 [(6)] **(10) "Graduation",** completion of a program of  
90 study as indicated by the award of a certificate,  
91 undergraduate degree, or other industry-recognized  
92 credential;

93 [(7)] **(11) "Qualifying employment",** full-time  
94 employment of a Missouri resident at a workplace located  
95 within the state of Missouri, or self-employment while a  
96 Missouri resident, with at least fifty percent of an  
97 individual's annual income coming from self-employment,  
98 either of which result in required returns of income in  
99 accordance with section 143.481;

100 [(8)] **(12) "Recipient",** an eligible student [or], an  
101 **eligible apprentice, a renewal apprentice, or a renewal**

102 student who receives a fast track grant under the provisions  
103 of this section;

104 (13) "Related educational costs", direct costs  
105 incurred by an individual as part of an eligible  
106 apprenticeship program, such as, but not limited to, tools,  
107 books, and uniforms;

108 (14) "Renewal apprentice", an eligible apprentice who  
109 remains in compliance with the provision of this section,  
110 has received the grant as an initial apprentice, maintains  
111 active apprentice status, and who has not received a  
112 bachelor's degree;

113 [(9)] (15) "Renewal student", an eligible student who  
114 remains in compliance with the provisions of this section,  
115 has received a grant as an initial recipient, maintains a  
116 cumulative grade point average of at least two and one-half  
117 on a four-point scale or the equivalent, makes satisfactory  
118 academic degree progress as defined by the institution, with  
119 the exception of grade point average, and has not received a  
120 bachelor's degree.

121 3. Standards of eligibility for renewed assistance  
122 shall be the same as for an initial award of financial  
123 assistance; except that, for a renewal **student**, an applicant  
124 shall demonstrate a grade point average of two and one-half  
125 on a four-point scale, or the equivalent on another scale.

126 4. Eligibility for a grant expires upon the earliest  
127 of:

128 (1) Receipt of the grant for four semesters or the  
129 equivalent;

130 (2) Receipt of a bachelor's degree; or

131 (3) **For an eligible student**, reaching two hundred  
132 percent of the time typically required to complete the  
133 program of study.

134           5. The coordinating board shall initially designate  
135 eligible programs of study by January 1, 2020, in connection  
136 with local education institutions, regional business  
137 organizations, and other stakeholders. The coordinating  
138 board shall annually review the list of eligible programs of  
139 study and **occupations relating to eligible apprenticeships**  
140 **and** make changes to the program list as it determines  
141 appropriate.

142           6. The coordinating board shall be the administrative  
143 agency for the implementation of the program established by  
144 this section and section 173.2554. The coordinating board  
145 shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the  
146 exercise of its functions and the effectuation of the  
147 purposes of this section and section 173.2554. The  
148 coordinating board shall prescribe the form and the time and  
149 method of filing applications and supervise the processing  
150 thereof. The coordinating board shall determine the  
151 criteria for eligibility of applicants and shall evaluate  
152 each applicant's eligibility. The coordinating board shall  
153 select qualified recipients to receive grants, make such  
154 awards of financial assistance to qualified recipients, and  
155 determine the manner and method of payment to the recipients.

156           7. The coordinating board shall determine eligibility  
157 for renewed assistance on the basis of annual applications.  
158 As a condition to consideration for initial or renewed  
159 assistance, the coordinating board may require the applicant  
160 and the applicant's spouse to execute forms of consent  
161 authorizing the director of revenue to compare financial  
162 information submitted by the applicant with the Missouri  
163 individual income tax returns of the applicant, and the  
164 applicant's spouse, for the taxable year immediately



165 preceding the year for which application is made, and to  
166 report any discrepancies to the coordinating board.

167 8. Grants shall be awarded in an amount equal to the  
168 actual tuition and general fees charged of an eligible  
169 student, after all federal nonloan aid, state student aid,  
170 and any other governmental student financial aid are  
171 applied. If a grant amount is reduced to zero due to the  
172 receipt of other aid, the eligible student shall receive an  
173 award of up to five hundred dollars or the remaining cost of  
174 attendance as calculated by the institution after all  
175 nonloan student aid has been applied, whichever is less, per  
176 academic term. **Grants shall also be awarded in an amount  
177 equal to the related educational costs for an eligible  
178 apprentice after all other governmental assistance provided  
179 for the apprenticeship has been applied.**

180 9. If appropriated funds are insufficient to fund the  
181 program as described, students **and apprentices** applying for  
182 renewed assistance shall be given priority until all funds  
183 are expended.

184 10. **[A] An eligible student that is the** recipient of  
185 financial assistance may transfer from one approved public,  
186 private, or virtual institution, **or eligible training  
187 provider** to another without losing eligibility for  
188 assistance under this section, but the coordinating board  
189 shall make any necessary adjustments in the amount of the  
190 award. If a recipient of financial assistance at any time  
191 is entitled to a refund of any tuition or fees under the  
192 rules and regulations of the institution in which he or she  
193 is enrolled, the institution shall pay the portion of the  
194 refund that may be attributed to the grant to the  
195 coordinating board. The coordinating board shall use these

196 refunds to make additional awards under the provisions of  
197 this section.

198 11. [Subject to the requirements of subsections 2, 3,  
199 and 4 of this section, a student is eligible for a fast  
200 track grant under this section if the student meets all of  
201 the following criteria:

202 (1) The student has successfully completed counseling  
203 explaining the benefits and obligations of the program under  
204 this section, including the terms and conditions of the  
205 promissory note under subdivision (2) of this subsection and  
206 the consequences of noncompliance specified in section  
207 173.2554; and

208 (2) The student executes a promissory note  
209 acknowledging that the fast track grant moneys awarded under  
210 this section will be converted to a loan, and agreeing to  
211 repay that loan if he or she fails to satisfy the following  
212 conditions:

213 (a) Maintenance of at least half-time enrollment in an  
214 eligible program, with an interruption of qualifying  
215 enrollment of no more than twelve consecutive months from  
216 the last day of the most recent payment period during which  
217 the student received a fast track award;

218 (b) Graduation from an approved institution; or

219 (c) Residency within the state of Missouri within  
220 twelve months after the date of the student's graduation and  
221 for a period of not less than three years and qualifying  
222 employment within twelve months of the student's graduation  
223 and for a period of not less than three years. Residency  
224 and qualifying employment obligations may be deferred if the  
225 recipient's studies continue after graduation.

226 12.] Persons who receive fast track grants under this  
227 section shall be required to submit proof of residency and

228 qualifying employment to the coordinating board for higher  
229 education within thirty days of completing each twelve  
230 months of qualifying employment until the three-year  
231 employment obligation is fulfilled.

232 [13.] 12. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset  
233 act:

234 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under  
235 this section shall sunset automatically [three years after  
236 August 28, 2019] on August 28, 2029, unless reauthorized by  
237 an act of the general assembly; and

238 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program  
239 authorized under this section shall sunset automatically six  
240 years after the effective date of the reauthorization; and

241 (3) This section shall terminate on December thirty-  
242 first of the calendar year immediately following the  
243 calendar year in which the program authorized under this  
244 section is sunset.

245 13. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury  
246 the "Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant Fund". The state  
247 treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance  
248 with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may  
249 approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund  
250 and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used  
251 solely by the coordinating board for the purposes of this  
252 section.

253 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080  
254 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end  
255 of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the  
256 general revenue fund.

257 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the  
258 fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any

259 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be  
260 credited to the fund.

261 14. The coordinating board shall have the authority to  
262 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this  
263 section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is  
264 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the  
265 authority delegated in this section shall become effective  
266 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the  
267 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section  
268 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and  
269 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
270 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective  
271 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently  
272 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
273 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,  
274 2019, shall be invalid and void.

620.2250. 1. This section shall be known and may be  
2 cited as the "Targeted Industrial Manufacturing Enhancement  
3 Zones Act".

4 2. As used in this section, the following terms shall  
5 mean:

6 (1) "County average wage", the average wage in each  
7 county as determined by the department for the most recently  
8 completed full calendar year. However, if the computed  
9 county average wage is above the statewide average wage, the  
10 statewide average wage shall be deemed the county average  
11 wage for such county for the purpose of determining  
12 eligibility;

13 (2) "Department", the Missouri department of economic  
14 development;

15 (3) "New job", the number of full-time employees  
16 located at the project facility that exceeds the project

17 facility base employment less any decrease in the number of  
18 full-time employees at related facilities below the related  
19 facility base employment. No job that was created prior to  
20 the date of the completion of an agreement pursuant to  
21 subsection 6 of this section and no job that is relocated  
22 from another location within this state shall be deemed a  
23 new job. An employee that spends less than fifty percent of  
24 the employee's work time at the facility is still considered  
25 to be located at a facility if the employee receives his or  
26 her directions and control from that facility, is on the  
27 facility's payroll, one hundred percent of the employee's  
28 income from such employment is Missouri income, and the  
29 employee is paid at or above the county average wage;

30 (4) "Political subdivision", a town, village, city, or  
31 county located in this state;

32 (5) "Related facility", a facility operated by a  
33 company or a related company prior to the establishment of  
34 the TIME zone in question, and which is directly related to  
35 the operations of the facility within the new TIME zone;

36 (6) "TIME zone", an area identified through an  
37 ordinance or resolution passed pursuant to subsection 4 of  
38 this section that is being developed or redeveloped for any  
39 purpose so long as any infrastructure or building built or  
40 improved is in the development area;

41 (7) "Zone board", the governing body of a TIME zone.

42 3. The governing bodies of at least two contiguous or  
43 overlapping political subdivisions in this state may  
44 establish one or more TIME zones, which shall be political  
45 subdivisions of the state, for the purposes of completing  
46 infrastructure projects to promote the economic development  
47 of the region. Such zones may only include the area within  
48 the governing bodies' jurisdiction, ownership, or control,

49 and may include any such area. The governing bodies shall  
50 determine the boundaries for each TIME zone, and more than  
51 one TIME zone may exist within the governing bodies'  
52 jurisdiction or under the governing bodies' ownership or  
53 control, and may be expanded or contracted by resolution of  
54 the zone board.

55 4. (1) To establish a TIME zone, the governing bodies  
56 of at least two political subdivisions shall each propose an  
57 ordinance or resolution creating such zone. Such ordinance  
58 or resolution shall set forth the names of the political  
59 subdivisions which will form the TIME zone, the general  
60 nature of the proposed improvements, the estimated cost of  
61 such improvements, the boundaries of the proposed TIME zone,  
62 and the estimated number of new jobs to be created in the  
63 TIME zone. Prior to approving such ordinance or resolution,  
64 each governing body shall hold a public hearing to consider  
65 the creation of the TIME zone and the proposed improvements  
66 therein. The governing bodies shall hear and pass upon all  
67 objections to the TIME zone and the proposed improvements,  
68 if any, and may amend the proposed improvements, and the  
69 plans and specifications therefor.

70 (2) After the passage or adoption of the ordinance or  
71 resolution creating the TIME Zone, governance of the TIME  
72 zone shall be by the zone board, which shall consist of  
73 seven members selected from the political subdivisions  
74 creating the TIME zone. Members of a zone board shall  
75 receive no salary or other compensation for their services  
76 as members, but shall receive their necessary traveling and  
77 other expenses incurred while actually engaged in the  
78 discharge of their official duties. The zone board may  
79 expand or contract such TIME zone through an ordinance or

80 resolution following a public hearing conducted to consider  
81 such expansion or contraction.

82 5. The boundaries of the proposed TIME zone shall be  
83 described by metes and bounds, streets, or other  
84 sufficiently specific description.

85 6. (1) Prior to retaining any state withholding tax  
86 pursuant to subsection 9 of this section, a zone board shall  
87 enter into an agreement with the department. Such agreement  
88 shall include, but shall not be limited to:

89 (a) The estimated number of new jobs to be created;

90 (b) The estimated average wage of new jobs to be  
91 created;

92 (c) The estimated net fiscal impact of the new jobs;

93 (d) The estimated costs of the proposed improvements;

94 (e) The estimated amount of withholding tax to be  
95 retained pursuant to subsection 9 of this section over the  
96 period of the agreement; and

97 (f) A copy of the ordinance establishing the board and  
98 a list of its members.

99 (2) The department shall not approve an agreement with  
100 a zone board unless the zone board commits to creating the  
101 following number of new jobs:

102 (a) For a TIME zone with a total population of less  
103 than five thousand inhabitants as determined by the most  
104 recent decennial census, a minimum of five new jobs with an  
105 average wage that equals or exceeds ninety percent of the  
106 county average wage;

107 (b) For a TIME zone with a total population of at  
108 least five thousand inhabitants but less than fifty thousand  
109 inhabitants as determined by the most recent decennial  
110 census, a minimum of ten new jobs with an average wage that  
111 equals or exceeds ninety percent of the county average wage;

112 (c) For a TIME zone with a total population of at  
113 least fifty thousand inhabitants but less than one hundred  
114 fifty thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent  
115 decennial census, a minimum of fifteen new jobs with an  
116 average wage that equals or exceeds ninety percent of the  
117 county average wage; and

118 (d) For a TIME zone with a total population of at  
119 least one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants as determined  
120 by the most recent decennial census, a minimum of twenty-  
121 five new jobs with an average wage that equals or exceeds  
122 ninety percent of the county average wage.

123 7. (1) The term of the agreement entered into  
124 pursuant to subsection 6 of this section shall not exceed  
125 ten years. A zone board may apply to the department for  
126 approval to renew any agreement. Such application shall be  
127 made on forms provided by the department. In determining  
128 whether to approve the renewal of an agreement, the  
129 department shall consider:

130 (a) The number of new jobs created and the average  
131 wage and net fiscal impact of such jobs;

132 (b) The outstanding improvements to be made within the  
133 TIME zone and the funding necessary to complete such  
134 improvements; and

135 (c) Any other factor the department requires.

136 (2) The department may approve the renewal of an  
137 agreement for a period not to exceed ten years. If a zone  
138 board has not met the new job requirements pursuant to  
139 subdivision (2) of subsection 6 of this section by the end  
140 of the agreement, the department shall recapture from such  
141 zone board the amount of withholding tax retained by the  
142 zone board pursuant to this section and the department shall  
143 not approve the renewal of an agreement with such zone board.



144           (3) A zone board shall not retain any withholding tax  
145 pursuant to this section in excess of the costs of  
146 improvements completed by the zone board.

147           8. If a qualified company is retaining withholding tax  
148 pursuant to sections 620.2000 to 620.2020 for new jobs, as  
149 such terms are defined in section 620.2005, that also  
150 qualify for the retention of withholding tax pursuant to  
151 this section, the department shall not authorize an  
152 agreement pursuant to this section that results in more than  
153 fifty percent of the withholding tax for such new jobs being  
154 retained pursuant to this section and sections 620.2000 to  
155 620.2020.

156           9. Upon the completion of an agreement pursuant to  
157 subsection 6 of this section, twenty-five percent of the  
158 state tax withholdings imposed by sections 143.191 to  
159 143.265 on new jobs within a TIME zone after development or  
160 redevelopment has commenced shall not be remitted to the  
161 general revenue fund of the state of Missouri. Such moneys  
162 shall be deposited into the TIME zone fund established  
163 pursuant to subsection 10 of this section for the purpose of  
164 continuing to expand, develop, and redevelop TIME zones  
165 identified by the zone board, and may be used for  
166 managerial, engineering, legal, research, promotion,  
167 planning, and any other expenses.

168           10. There is hereby created in the state treasury the  
169 "TIME Zone Fund", which shall consist of money collected  
170 under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian  
171 of the fund and may approve disbursements from the fund in  
172 accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180 to the zone  
173 boards of the TIME zones from which the funds were  
174 collected, less the pro-rata portion appropriated by the  
175 general assembly to be used solely for the administration of

176 this section, which shall not exceed ten percent of the  
177 total amount collected within the TIME zones of a zone  
178 board. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to  
179 the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of  
180 the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general  
181 revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in  
182 the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested.  
183 Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be  
184 credited to the fund.

185 11. The zone board shall approve projects consistent  
186 with the provisions of this section that begin construction  
187 and disburse any money collected under this section. The  
188 zone board shall submit an annual budget for the funds to  
189 the department explaining how and when such money will be  
190 spent.

191 12. A zone board shall submit an annual report by  
192 December thirty-first of each year to the department and the  
193 general assembly. Such report shall include, but shall not  
194 be limited to:

195 (1) The locations of the established TIME zones  
196 governed by the zone board;

197 (2) The number of new jobs created within the TIME  
198 zones governed by the zone board;

199 (3) The average wage of the new jobs created within  
200 the TIME zones governed by the zone board;

201 (4) The improvements utilizing TIME zone funding;

202 (5) The amount of TIME zone funding utilized for each  
203 improvement and the total amount of TIME zone funds  
204 expended; and

205 (6) The amount of withholding tax retained pursuant to  
206 subsection 9 of this section from new jobs created within  
207 the TIME zones governed by the zone board.

208           13. No political subdivision shall establish a TIME  
209 zone with boundaries that overlap the boundaries of an  
210 advanced industrial manufacturing zone established pursuant  
211 to section 68.075.

212           14. The total amount of withholding taxes retained by  
213 all TIME zones pursuant to the provisions of this section  
214 shall not exceed five million dollars per fiscal year.

215           15. The department may promulgate rules to implement  
216 the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a  
217 rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is  
218 created under the authority delegated in this section shall  
219 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to  
220 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,  
221 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are  
222 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the  
223 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay  
224 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
225 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of  
226 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after  
227 August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void.

228           16. The provisions of section 23.253 notwithstanding,  
229 no TIME zone may be established after August 28, 2025. Any  
230 TIME zone created prior to such date shall continue to exist  
231 and be coterminous with the retirement of any debts incurred  
232 for improvements made within the TIME zone. No debts may be  
233 incurred or reauthorized using TIME zone revenue after  
234 August 28, 2025.

2           [173.2554. 1. Except as provided in  
3 subsection 2 of this section, if a student who  
4 received a fast track grant under section  
5 173.2553 fails to comply with the terms of the  
6 promissory note under subdivision (2) of  
7 subsection 11 of section 173.2553, including  
8 failure to satisfy the conditions in paragraph  
(a), (b), or (c) of such subdivision, the fast

9 track grant shall be converted to a loan. This  
10 loan shall accrue interest at the federal direct  
11 loan interest rate for direct subsidized  
12 undergraduate loans in effect at the time the  
13 student enters the eligible program. Interest  
14 shall be calculated from the date the recipient  
15 enters repayment. For a recipient who fulfills  
16 some, but not all, of his or her three-year  
17 residency and employment obligations, the amount  
18 of the fast track grant that is converted to a  
19 loan shall be reduced by one-third for each  
20 period of twelve months of residency and  
21 employment as verified by the proof of residency  
22 and qualifying employment required in subsection  
23 12 of section 173.2553.

24 2. The coordinating board shall provide  
25 for a waiver under the fast track grant if the  
26 grant is not converted to a loan under  
27 subsection 1 of this section for a recipient who  
28 fails to comply with terms of the agreement  
29 under paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of subdivision  
30 (2) of subsection 11 of section 173.2553 due to  
31 his or her total and permanent disability or  
32 death, the total and permanent disability or  
33 death of his or her spouse or child, or if such  
34 recipient or recipient's spouse is providing  
35 service to any branch of the Armed Forces of the  
36 United States and is transferred out of state  
37 and is no longer able to maintain Missouri  
38 residency as a result of such service. The  
39 waiver shall specify standards for the board's  
40 determination of total and permanent disability  
41 or death standards for the board's determination  
42 of total and permanent disability or death, or  
43 military transfer status, and a process for  
44 seeking a waiver under this subsection.

45 3. The coordinating board shall deposit in  
46 the fast track workforce incentive grant fund  
47 all repayments of principal and interest on the  
48 loans under subsection 1 of this section.

49 4. The coordinating board shall establish  
50 a procedure and guidelines for granting  
51 deferments or forbearances of fast track grants  
52 that have converted to loans and are in  
53 repayment status for recipients who:

54 (1) Are enrolled at least half-time at an  
55 institution of higher education;

56 (2) Experience economic hardship;

57 (3) Have a medical condition limiting  
58 their ability to continue repayment including,  
59 but not limited to, illness, disability, or  
60 pregnancy; or

61 (4) Are providing service to any branch of  
62 the Armed Forces of the United States.

63 5. The coordinating board shall establish  
64 a procedure and guidelines for granting loan  
65 discharge for fast track grants that have been

66 converted to loans and are in repayment for  
67 recipients who are unable to fulfill the  
68 repayment obligation due to their total and  
69 permanent disability or death or the total and  
70 permanent disability or death of their spouse or  
71 child.

72 6. (1) There is hereby created in the  
73 state treasury the "Fast Track Workforce  
74 Incentive Grant Fund". The state treasurer  
75 shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance  
76 with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state  
77 treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund  
78 shall be a dedicated fund and, upon  
79 appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used  
80 solely by the coordinating board for the  
81 purposes of this section and section 173.2553.

82 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
83 section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys  
84 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium  
85 shall not revert to the credit of the general  
86 revenue fund.

87 (3) The state treasurer shall invest  
88 moneys in the fund in the same manner as other  
89 funds are invested. Any interest and moneys  
90 earned on such investments shall be credited to  
91 the fund.

92 7. The coordinating board shall have the  
93 authority to promulgate rules to implement the  
94 provisions of this section and section 173.2553.

95 Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is  
96 defined in section 536.010, that is created  
97 under the authority delegated in this section  
98 shall become effective only if it complies with  
99 and is subject to all of the provisions of  
100 chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.

101 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable  
102 and if any of the powers vested with the general  
103 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to  
104 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and  
105 annul a rule are subsequently held  
106 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
107 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after  
108 August 28, 2019, shall be invalid and void.]

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