Title 6 – Department of Higher Education
Division 10 – Commissioner of Higher Education
Chapter 2 – Student Financial Assistance Programs

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

6 CSR 10-2.150 Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program. The commissioner is amending subsection (1)(E), section (3), and subsection (5)(H).

PURPOSE: These amendments update the definition of approved institution, and revise the basic eligibility and award policies to reflect statutory revisions.

(1) Definitions.

(E) Approved institution means any institution located in the state of Missouri that meets the requirements set forth in sections 173.1102.1(2)( or ), (3), or (4), RSMo, that has been approved under 6 CSR 10-2.140, and that has been approved to participate in the federal student financial assistance programs created in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

(3) Basic Eligibility Policy.

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(A) To qualify for an Access Missouri award, an initial or renewal recipient, at the time of his application and throughout the period during which the recipient receives the award, must meet the requirements set forth in section 173.1104, RSMo.

(B) Initial or renewal recipients attending an approved virtual institution that fails to meet all of the requirements in subdivision 173.1102.1(4), RSMo are not eligible for assistance under sections 173.1104 and 173.1105, RSMo.

(5) Award Policy.

(H) No Access Missouri awards will be granted to a student after—

1. A baccalaureate degree has been granted to the student;

2. The [required] hours, or the equivalent to the hours, required for a baccalaureate degree have been completed by a student; or

3. The student has completed one hundred fifty (150) semester hours or the equivalent, or two hundred twenty-five (225) quarter hours of coursework.


PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars ($500) in the aggregate.
PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars ($500) in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Department of Higher Education, P.O. Box 1469, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1469 or kelli.reed@dhe.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Missouri Register. No public hearing is scheduled.