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GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

Herewith I return to you Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 3003 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, the several divisions and programs thereof, and institutions of higher education, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Section 3.155

I hereby veto \$4,000,000 general revenue to Missouri State University (MSU) for a statewide math supplement program for secondary education. This appropriation provides funding for math programming for students Grade 6 through Algebra II, but is appropriated to the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (DHEWD) through Missouri State University (MSU). DHEWD is responsible for oversight of post-secondary education and does not have the same role and responsibility as the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) with regard to curriculum adhering to the Missouri Learning Standards. Such programs should be administered through DESE rather than DHEWD. Both DESE and DHEWD are subject to state contracting laws in Chapter 34, RSMo, while MSU is exempt from such laws under Section 34.010, RSMo. If approved, this appropriation would have granted funds to an entity subject to Chapter 34 with directions to transfer the funds to an entity not subject to Chapter 34, thereby intentionally avoiding and circumventing state purchasing laws. An expenditure of this magnitude for a contract related to students in grades 6-12 should follow the state procurement laws and should be appropriated to the state department that has responsibility

regarding secondary education, especially for a program that would be expected to receive ongoing state financial support. Additionally, the General Assembly did approve funding for DESE to provide additional math programming through their allocation of ESSER III funds received from the federal government. This line item would have been duplicative of that program.

To Missouri State University for the purpose of partnering with a comprehensive math supplement.

From \$4,000,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$112,500 Job Development and Training Fund for an education and job skills development program. This earmark was not included in my budget recommendations and would leave the state unable to fully fund existing workforce programs that are currently creating jobs, helping individuals with job placement, and supporting measurable skills gains across the state. Further, the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act has strict reporting requirements, and the costs of such reporting would likely exceed the value of this earmark.

For a 501(c)(3) located in a city not within a county that provides education and job skills development for strengthening students' economic understanding of capitalism and ability to participate and succeed in a capitalist economy.

From \$112,500 to \$0 from Job Development and Training Fund.

From \$92,574,500 to \$88,462,000 in total for the section.

Section 3.240

I hereby veto \$2,300,000 general revenue to Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) for a statewide precision health and agricultural sciences program. This appropriation provides funding for collaboration opportunities with an industry partnership in biological sciences in order to provide services to K-12 students, but it is appropriated to the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (DHEWD) through Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) for purposes of contracting with a vendor to provide services related to K-12 students. DHEWD is responsible for oversight of post-secondary education and does not have the same role and responsibility as the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) with regard to programming for K-12 students. Such programs should be administered through DESE. Both DESE and DHEWD are subject to state purchasing laws under Chapter 34, RSMo, while MSSU is exempt from such laws under Section 34.010, RSMo. If approved, this appropriation would have granted funds to an entity subject to Chapter 34 with directions to transfer the funds to an entity not subject to Chapter 34, thereby intentionally avoiding and circumventing state purchasing laws. An expenditure of this magnitude for services related to K-12 students should follow the state contracting laws and should be appropriated to a state entity that has responsibilities regarding education of K-12 students.

For a statewide program designed to increase collaboration and workforce opportunities via industry partnership in precision health and agricultural sciences.

From \$2,300,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund

From \$30,874,099 to \$28,574,099 in total for the section.

Section 3.255

I hereby veto \$400,000 general revenue for the University of Missouri School of Law Family Violence and Criminal Prosecution Clinic. This funding provides for additional faculty at the University of Missouri School of Law, which is the responsibility of the University of Missouri's core budget. The budget approved by the General Assembly for the University of Missouri included a 5.4 percent increase this fiscal year, totaling over \$23.3 million. This appropriation further provided funding for the faculty as a one-time state expense, whereas staffing is an ongoing cost and could jeopardize the program's future sustainability leading to job losses if the funding were not to be provided in the future.

For the University of Missouri School of Law Family Violence and Criminal Prosecution Clinic.
From \$400,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.
From \$463,876,797 to \$463,476,797 in total for the section.

On June 30, 2022 I approved said Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute House Bill No. 3003, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,



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Governor