

# MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SAMPLE BILL #002 SAMPLE COMMITTEE

**Introduced by:** Harry Truman

**Delegation:** Independence

**Title:** To amend chapter 168, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of the teach for Missouri act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Members of the House and Freshman Chamber can co-author bills. Members of the Senate must submit their own bill.

Write a brief, general title that summarizes your bill and/or specifies what part of the RSMo is to be amended or repealed.

Section A:

Chapter 168, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 168.700, to read as follows:

Begin your bill by citing which part of the RSMo you are amending and/or repealing.

**168.700.**

**1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the "Teach for Missouri Act".**

Feel free to give your bill a name that summarizes the intent and can be used to identify the bill in floor debate or discussion.

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

**(1) "Department", the Missouri department of elementary and secondary education;**

**(2) "Eligible applicant": a high school senior who:**

**(a) Is a United States citizen;**

**(b) Has a cumulative grade point average ranking in the top ten percentile in their graduating class and scores in the top twenty percentile on either the ACT or SAT assessment; or has a cumulative grade point average ranking in the top twenty percentile in their graduating class and scores in the top ten percentile of the ACT or SAT assessment;**

**(c) Upon graduation from high school, attends a Missouri higher education institution and attains a teaching certificate and either a bachelors or graduate degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4 point scale or equivalent;**

**(d) Signs an agreement with the department in which the applicant agrees to engage in qualified employment upon graduation from a higher education institution for five years; and**

**(e) Upon graduation from the higher education institution, engages in qualified employment;**

Define key terms in your bill that will help other legislators understand what you are trying to accomplish.

Often, definitions for terms already exist in the RSMo, such as tax credit and taxpayer in this act.

**(3) "Qualified employment", employment as a teacher, as such term is defined in section 168.104, in a school located in a school district that is classified as "provisionally accredited" or "unaccredited" by the department at the time the eligible applicant signs their first contract to teach in such district. Applicants shall only teach subject areas at schools within such school districts where the scores in the subject areas at the school on the statewide assessment as provided in section 160.518, RSMo, are lower than the state average. Preference shall be given to a public school located in such school district, the**

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41 population of which includes a higher than average "at-risk student  
42 population", as such term shall be defined by the department.

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44 3. Within the limits of amounts appropriated therefore, the  
45 department shall, upon proper verification to the department by an  
46 eligible applicant and the school district in which the applicant is  
47 engaged in qualified employment, enter into a one-year contract with  
48 eligible applicants to repay the interest and principal on the  
49 educational loans of the applicants as provided in subsection 4 of this  
50 section. The department may enter into subsequent one-year  
51 contracts with eligible applicants, not to total more than five such  
52 contracts. The fifth one-year contract shall provide for a stipend to  
53 such applicants as provided in subsection 4 of this section. If the  
54 school district becomes accredited at any time during which the  
55 eligible applicant is teaching at a school under a contract entered into  
56 pursuant to this section, nothing in this section shall preclude the  
57 department and the eligible applicant from entering into subsequent  
58 contracts to teach within the school district. An eligible applicant  
59 who does not enter into a contract with the department under the  
60 provisions of this subsection shall not be eligible for repayment of  
61 educational loans or a stipend under the provisions of subsection 4 of  
62 this section.

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64 4. At the conclusion of each of the first four academic years that an  
65 eligible applicant engages in qualified employment, one-fourth of the  
66 eligible applicant's educational loans, not to exceed five thousand  
67 dollars per year, shall be repaid under terms provided in the contract.  
68 At the conclusion of the fifth academic year that an eligible applicant  
69 engages in qualified employment, a stipend in an amount equal to  
70 one thousand dollars shall be granted to the eligible applicant. The  
71 maximum of five thousand dollars per year and the stipend of one  
72 thousand dollars shall be adjusted annually by the same percentage  
73 as the increase in the general price level as measured by the  
74 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United  
75 States, or its successor index, as defined and officially recorded by the  
76 United States Department of Labor or its successor agency. The  
77 amount of any repayment of educational loans under this subsection  
78 shall not exceed the actual cost of tuition and required fees for the  
79 eligible applicant at the institution of higher education from which  
80 the eligible applicant graduated.

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82 5. The department shall create and maintain a "Teach for Missouri"  
83 coordinator position, the main responsibility of which shall be the  
84 identification, recruitment, and selection of potential students  
85 meeting the requirements of paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of  
86 subsection 2 of this section. In selecting potential students, the  
87 coordinator shall give preference to applicants that represent a variety  
88 of racial backgrounds in order to ensure a diverse group of eligible  
89 applicants.

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91 6. The department shall promulgate rules to enforce the provisions of  
92 this section, including, but not be limited to: applicant eligibility,  
93 selection criteria, and the content of loan repayment contracts. If the  
94 number of applicants exceeds the number of scholarships or revenues

← After definitions, you need to describe what the bill will actually do (the nuts and bolts). You should not describe why you are writing this bill. For each new idea you should begin a new numbered section, as done here.

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95 available, priority shall be to those applicants with the most recent  
96 contract date.

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98 7. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section  
99 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this  
100 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject  
101 to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable,  
102 section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are  
103 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general  
104 assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the  
105 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently  
106 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any  
107 rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and  
108 void.

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110 8. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Teach for  
111 Missouri Fund". The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund  
112 and shall approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with  
113 sections 30.170 and 30.180, RSMo. Private donations, federal grants,  
114 and other funds provided for the implementation of this section shall  
115 be placed in the teach for Missouri fund. Upon appropriation, money  
116 in the fund shall be used solely for the repayment of loans and the  
117 payment of stipends under the provisions of this section.  
118 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the  
119 contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the  
120 biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.  
121 The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same  
122 manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned  
123 on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

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125 9. The general assembly shall appropriate an amount necessary to  
126 properly fund this section, not to exceed one million dollars in any  
127 fiscal year. The maximum of one million dollars in any fiscal year  
128 shall be adjusted annually by the same percentage as the increase in  
129 the general price level as measured by the Consumer Price Index for  
130 All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its successor index, as  
131 defined and officially recorded by the United States Department of  
132 Labor or its successor agency.