

## HOUSE BILL No. 2492

By Legislative Educational Planning Committee

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AN ACT concerning technical colleges; relating to the powers and duties of the governing bodies thereof; relating to operating expenses; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 72-4470a and repealing the existing section.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 72-4470a is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-4470a. (a) On or before July 1, 2005, all technical college boards shall develop and present to the state board of regents a plan to replace the governing body described in K.S.A. 72-4470, and amendments thereto, with a new governing board, which shall be separate and independent of any board of education of any school district, to operate, control and manage the technical college. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, provisions relating to:

- (1) The composition of the independent governing board;
- (2) the territory of the technical college. If the territory of the technical college includes more than one county, the plan shall designate a home county;
- (3) the method of election or appointment and the terms of service of the members of the independent governing board;
- (4) the date upon which the independent governing board shall assume management and control of the technical college;
- (5) the manner, terms upon which and extent to which the facilities, will be transferred to the independent governing board and the division of other assets and indebtedness and other liabilities; and
- (6) the manner and terms upon which faculty, employees and students will be transferred to the independent governing board. Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 72-4478, and amendments thereto, such provisions shall specify terms of employment and address other personnel matters.

(b) (1) Upon approval of the plan by the state board of regents and the governing body of the technical college which submitted the plan, and on the date determined in the approved plan, the independent governing board established under subsection (a) of this section shall operate subject to the rules, regulations and supervision of the state board of

1 regents in the same manner as other technical colleges, technical schools  
2 and area vocational technical schools.

3 (2) After June 30, 2007, if the governing body of the technical college  
4 and the state board of regents have not approved a plan submitted pur-  
5 suant to subsection (a), the state board of regents shall have the power  
6 to approve the plan and upon such approval and on the date determined  
7 in the approved plan, the independent governing board established pur-  
8 suant to subsection (a) shall operate subject to the rules, regulations and  
9 supervision of the state board of regents in the same manner as other  
10 technical colleges, technical schools and area vocational technical schools.

11 (c) In addition to such other powers expressly granted by law and  
12 subject to the provisions of subsection (b), the governing board shall have  
13 the power to:

14 (1) Determine the vocational, technology and general education  
15 courses of instruction that will comprise the associate of applied science  
16 degree programs of the college;

17 (2) establish the requirements for satisfactory completion of the as-  
18 sociate of applied science degree programs of the college;

19 (3) confer the associate of applied science degree upon students who  
20 successfully complete an associate of applied science degree program of  
21 the college and to award a certificate or diploma to students who suc-  
22 cessfully complete a vocational education program of the college; ~~and~~

23 (4) appoint teaching staff and to fix and determine teacher qualifi-  
24 cations, duties and compensation. No teacher appointed to teach courses  
25 comprising the associate of applied science degree programs of the col-  
26 lege shall be required to meet certification requirements greater than  
27 those required in the state educational institutions; *and*

28 (5) *levy a tax in an amount deemed necessary by the governing board*  
29 *on all taxable tangible property within the territory of the technical college*  
30 *to pay the operating expenses of the technical college and to pay a portion*  
31 *of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under K.S.A. 12-*  
32 *1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment pro-*  
33 *jects upon property located within the territory.*

34 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 72-4470a is hereby repealed.

35 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
36 publication in the statute book.

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