

HOUSE BILL No. 2065

By Committee on Higher Education

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9 AN ACT relating to postsecondary educational institutions; establishing
10 the business workforce training advisory group; authorizing certain
11 fees.

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

14 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established a business workforce train-
15 ing advisory group. The state board of regents staff shall provide admin-
16 istrative support to the advisory group.

17 (b) The purpose of the advisory group is to exchange information
18 between the advisory group and the presidents of Kansas community
19 colleges and technical colleges. Such exchange of information shall in-
20 clude the following:

21 (1) Existing and anticipated workforce training needs;

22 (2) faculty and equipment needs and procurement and funding
23 requirements;

24 (3) efficient use of educational and training opportunities and equip-
25 ment to meet statewide needs using distance learning and other capabil-
26 ities; and

27 (4) such other issues as may be identified by the presidents of Kansas
28 community colleges and technical colleges. The presidents of such insti-
29 tutions and the advisory group shall develop a process by which employers
30 can suggest education and training programs to meet long-term and evol-
31 ving employment training needs in the state.

32 (c) Membership on the advisory group shall include representation
33 from all congressional districts and shall be by appointment of the gov-
34 ernor. All appointees shall have experience in identifying long-term train-
35 ing needs for their employer, hiring employees or other relevant practical
36 experience that will benefit the vocational training program managers at
37 Kansas higher education institutions. Two members shall be from a list
38 of nominees submitted by the Kansas chamber of commerce and industry;
39 one member each shall be appointed from a list of nominees by the
40 Kansas AFL-CIO, the Kansas farm bureau, and the Kansas sector of the
41 national federation of independent business; two persons shall be ap-
42 pointed representing the health care professions for which community
43 colleges and technical colleges provide degree or certificate programs and

1 one person shall be a business owner or operator. The governor may
2 reject all nominees submitted on any list of nominees and may request
3 an additional list of other qualified persons to consider for appointment
4 to the advisory group.

5 The secretary of commerce or the secretary's designee also shall be a
6 member of the advisory group and shall serve as chairperson of the ad-
7 visory group and other officers may be elected by the advisory group. The
8 advisory group shall meet at least quarterly and also shall meet at the call
9 of the chairperson, the board of regents or a majority of the members of
10 the advisory group. Members attending meetings or subcommittee meet-
11 ings authorized by the advisory group shall be paid subsistence allow-
12 ances, mileage and other expenses pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3223 and
13 amendments thereto.

14 Sec. 2. To support enhanced student employment opportunities, any
15 postsecondary educational institution may charge a fee to employers for
16 utilizing the institution's student employment placement procedures and
17 facilities. The state board of regents may establish by rules and regulations
18 restrictions and procedures relating to fees authorized by this section.

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