

*As Amended by Senate Committee*

Session of 2005

**SENATE BILL No. 44**

By Committee on Education

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10 AN ACT concerning the teacher service scholarship program; amending  
11 K.S.A. 74-32,101 and 74-32,102 and repealing the existing sections.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 74-32,101 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
15 74-32,101. As used in this act:

16 (a) “Executive officer” means the chief executive officer of the state  
17 board of regents appointed under K.S.A. 74-3203a, and amendments  
18 thereto;

19 (b) “qualified student” means a person who: (1) Is a resident of the  
20 state of Kansas; (2) has been accepted for admission to or is enrolled full  
21 time in a course of instruction leading to ~~certification~~ **licensure** as a  
22 teacher; and (3) has qualified for the award of a scholarship under the  
23 teacher service scholarship program on the basis of having demonstrated  
24 scholastic ability, or who has previously so qualified and remains qualified  
25 for renewal of the scholarship on the basis of remaining in good standing  
26 and making satisfactory progress toward completion of the requirements  
27 of the course of instruction in which enrolled;

28 (c) “hard-to-fill teaching discipline” means (1) a teaching discipline  
29 in which there is a critical shortage of teachers as determined and spec-  
30 ified by the state board of education; and (2) *the teaching disciplines of*  
31 *mathematics and science for any of the grades ~~six~~ five through 12;*

32 (d) “underserved area” means a geographic area of the state in which  
33 there is a critical shortage of teachers as determined and specified by the  
34 state board of education;

35 (e) “state educational institution” *has the meaning ascribed thereto*  
36 *in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto;*

37 (f) “private postsecondary educational institution” *has the meaning*  
38 *ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 2004 Supp. ~~72-34,163~~ 74-32,163, and amend-*  
39 *ments thereto.*

40 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-32,102 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-  
41 32,102. (a) There is hereby established the teacher service scholarship  
42 program. A scholarship may be awarded under the teacher service schol-  
43 arship program to any qualified student and may be renewed for each

1 such student who remains qualified for the scholarship. Determination  
2 of the students qualified for such scholarships shall be made by the ex-  
3 ecutive officer. Scholastic ability shall be determined on the basis of any  
4 one or more of the following: (1) High ACT or SAT score; (2) rank in  
5 high school graduation class; (3) cumulative high school or college grade  
6 point average; or (4) any other indicator of scholastic ability which the  
7 state board of regents determines to be demonstrative of potential for  
8 successful completion of a course of instruction leading to ~~certification~~  
9 **licensure** as a teacher. To the extent practicable and consistent with  
10 qualification factors, ~~preference shall be given to qualified students who~~  
11 ~~have been accepted for admission to or are enrolled in an approved course~~  
12 ~~of instruction leading to certification as a teacher in the disciplines of~~  
13 ~~mathematics or science for any of the grades six through 12. In addition,~~  
14 consideration shall be given to *qualified* students who are members of  
15 ethnic minority groups.

16 (b) A scholarship awarded under the program shall provide for pay-  
17 ment to a qualified student of (1) an amount not to exceed 70% of the  
18 cost of attendance for an academic year at the teacher education school  
19 in which the qualified student is enrolled if such teacher education school  
20 is maintained by a state educational institution or (2) an amount not to  
21 exceed 70% of the average amount of the cost of attendance for an aca-  
22 demic year at the teacher education schools maintained by the state ed-  
23 ucational institutions if the teacher education school in which the quali-  
24 fied student is enrolled ~~is not a state educational institution in a private~~  
25 ~~postsecondary educational institution located in the state of Kansas.~~ A  
26 qualified student may be awarded a scholarship for not more than four  
27 academic years of undergraduate study, except that a qualified student  
28 who is enrolled full time in a course of instruction leading to ~~certification~~  
29 **licensure** in a teaching discipline for which graduate study is required  
30 may be awarded a scholarship for the duration of the course of instruction.

31 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 74-32,101 and 74-32,102 are hereby repealed.

32 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
33 publication in the statute book.