

HOUSE BILL No. 2775

By Committee on Higher Education

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9 AN ACT concerning nonresident tuition; fees and charges at state edu-
10 cational institutions.

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

13 Section 1. (a) In carrying out its duties relating to fixing tuition, fees
14 and charges at state educational institutions pursuant to K.S.A. 76-719,
15 and amendments thereto, the state board of regents shall fix the amounts
16 of tuition in accordance with subsection (b).

17 (b) There shall be three levels of tuition as follows:

18 (1) The highest tuition level shall be the nonresident rate;

19 (2) the middle tuition level shall be the Kansas commitment rate, as
20 described in subsection (c); and

21 (3) the lowest tuition level shall be the resident rate.

22 (c) The Kansas commitment tuition rate applies to any person who
23 agrees to reside in Kansas for at least five years after graduation from a
24 state educational institution with a bachelor's degree and agrees to work
25 in Kansas for five years after graduation. Any person who fails to abide
26 by the five-year employment requirement shall owe the state of Kansas
27 the difference between the nonresident rate and the Kansas commitment
28 rate, plus interest. The state board of regents shall establish the rate of
29 interest not to exceed the contract rate provided for in K.S.A. 16-207,
30 and amendments thereto. In the event a graduate seeks full-time studies
31 for an advanced degree study program, the five-year employment re-
32 quirement shall not begin to run until the student finishes the advanced
33 degree work or ceases to be a full-time student.

34 (d) The state board of regents is authorized to adopt rules and reg-
35 ulations and policies relating to tuition, fees and charges, the collection
36 of tuition and circumstances under which the five-year employment re-
37 quirement is postponed or deemed satisfied.

38 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
39 publication in the statute book.