

Deferred Maintenance Funding at Postsecondary Institutions; SB 18

SB 18 creates the Kansas Campus Restoration Act authorizing the Kansas Board of Regents (Board) to adopt rules and regulations relating to deferred maintenance and demolition of facilities at postsecondary institutions.

The bill allows transfers from the State General Fund (SGF) to the Kansas Campus Restoration Fund (Fund) and requires annual reports to be submitted to the Legislature.

Definitions

The bill defines the following terms:

- “Educational mission-critical facilities” includes, but is not limited to, any facility of research or economic generation capacity that the Board deems essential. This definition does not include auxiliary or athletic-funded facilities; and
- “State of good repair” is defined as a building that meets industry standard, which will be presented to the Joint Committee on State Building Construction for review and comment.

Deferred Maintenance

The bill creates the Fund within the State Treasury, and funding will be administered by the Board.

The bill requires that a deferred maintenance account be created for each postsecondary educational institution for the purpose of making capital improvement expenditures from the Fund. All expenditures from such account require a match of non-state moneys on a \$1-for-\$1 basis from either the institution or private moneys.

The bill does not require a match for community colleges, technical colleges, the municipal university, the institute of technology, or from the state educational institutions’ deferred maintenance accounts for use for demolition or razing.

The bill requires, on or before the tenth day of each month, the Director of Accounts and Reports to transfer from the SGF to the Fund the interest earnings based on:

- The average daily balance of moneys in the Fund for the preceding month; and
- The net earnings rate for the Pooled Money Investment Portfolio for the preceding month.

Funding

The bill requires the Director of Accounts and Reports to transfer \$32.7 million from the SGF to the Fund annually from July 1, 2025, until July 1, 2030, or as soon as moneys are available after each date.

The bill requires the Board to distribute an aggregate amount of \$30.0 million from the Fund among the state educational institutions' deferred maintenance accounts, in accordance with the campus restoration plan developed and approved by the Board starting in FY 2026 through FY 2031.

The bill also requires the Board to credit \$100,000 from the remaining \$2.7 million in each fiscal year to each community college, technical college, and municipal university in FY 2026 through FY 2031.

Reporting and Planning

The bill requires that each postsecondary institution develop and submit a report to the Board detailing a plan for rehabilitating, remodeling, or renovating existing facilities, or building new facilities. The plan will include a list of facilities for demolition or razing and a plan to bring any buildings into a state of good repair. The plan will also include satellite campuses, such as Kansas State University Salina and University of Kansas Edwards Campus. All institution plans will be subject to approval by the Board.

The bill requires the Board to develop a comprehensive Kansas Campus Restoration Plan that includes all facilities from each institution, and the Board could require a reduction of total campus square footage in a project associated with such plan.

The bill authorizes the Board to adopt any rules or regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of the Kansas Campus Restoration Act. Additionally, the Board will be required to submit to the Legislature an annual report on or before the first day of a regular session on the progress of the Kansas Campus Restoration Plan. This report will be submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, House Committee on Appropriations, House Committee on Higher Education Budget, and Joint Committee on State Building Construction.