

HOUSE BILL No. 2484

By Committee on Education

Requested by Fred Patton on behalf of the State Board of Regents

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AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to the Kansas promise scholarship program; eliminating the Kansas residency requirement after completing the program; clarifying the work requirements after completing the program; repealing the expiration of the program; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-32,276 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-32,278.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-32,276 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-32,276. (a) As a condition to receiving a Kansas promise scholarship, an eligible student shall enter into a Kansas promise scholarship agreement with the state board of regents. The eligible postsecondary educational institution making the scholarship award to such student shall counsel each eligible student on the requirements and conditions of the promise scholarship agreement. Such agreement shall require any student who receives a Kansas promise scholarship to:

(1) Enroll as a full-time or part-time student at the eligible postsecondary educational institution from which the student is receiving a Kansas promise scholarship and engage in and complete the required promise eligible program within 36 months of the date the scholarship was first awarded;

(2) (A) within six months after graduation from the promise eligible program:

(A)(i) ~~Reside in and~~ Commence work in the state of Kansas ~~and continue to work in the state of Kansas~~ for at least two consecutive years ~~following completion of such program~~. A scholarship recipient may use a form W-2 wage and tax statement showing Kansas withholding or estimated income tax to the state of Kansas as proof of work in Kansas; or

(B)(ii) ~~enroll as a full-time or part-time student in any public or private postsecondary educational institution with its primary location in Kansas and upon graduation or failure to re-enroll in any subsequent semester, or the equivalent thereof, reside in and~~ commence work in the state of Kansas ~~and continue to work in the state of Kansas~~ for at least two consecutive years ~~following the completion of such program~~; and

(B) nothing in this paragraph (2) shall be construed to prohibit a

1 *student from satisfying the work requirements set forth in subparagraph*
2 *(A) while enrolled in a public or private postsecondary educational*
3 *institution, except that a student shall not be considered as having*
4 *satisfied all, or any portion of, such work requirements for any Kansas*
5 *promise scholarship agreement unless such student has completed the*
6 *promise eligible program for which the scholarship was awarded;*

7 (3) maintain records and make reports to the state board of regents on
8 such forms and in such manner as required by the state board of regents to
9 document the satisfaction of the requirements of this act; and

10 (4) upon failure to satisfy the requirements of a Kansas promise
11 scholarship agreement, repay the amount of the Kansas promise
12 scholarship the student received under the program as provided in
13 subsection (b) to the state board of regents.

14 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c), if any student who
15 receives a Kansas promise scholarship fails to satisfy the requirements of a
16 Kansas promise scholarship agreement, such student shall pay an amount
17 equal to the total amount of money disbursed on behalf of such student
18 pursuant to such agreement that is financed by the state of Kansas plus
19 accrued interest from the accrual date determined under K.S.A. 2025
20 Supp. 74-32,312, and amendments thereto, and at the rate prescribed in
21 K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-32,312, and amendments thereto. Monthly
22 installment payments of such amounts may be made in accordance with
23 rules and regulations of the state board of regents. Such installment
24 payments shall begin six months after the date of the action or
25 circumstances that cause such student to fail to satisfy the requirements of
26 a Kansas promise scholarship agreement, as determined by the state board
27 of regents upon the circumstances of each individual case. All moneys
28 received pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the state treasurer
29 in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments
30 thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall
31 deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the Kansas
32 promise scholarship program fund.

33 (2) For any Kansas promise scholarship awarded on or after July 1,
34 2021, the state board of regents shall be the sole entity responsible for
35 collecting or recouping any Kansas promise scholarship funds required to
36 be repaid by a student who fails to satisfy the requirements of a Kansas
37 promise scholarship agreement pursuant to this section.

38 (3) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any repayment
39 account arising under this act to a designated loan servicer or collection
40 agency to collect on the state board's behalf, the state not being involved
41 other than to receive payments from the loan servicer or collection agency
42 at the interest rate prescribed in K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-32,312, and
43 amendments thereto.

1 (4) Eligible postsecondary educational institutions and each state
2 agency are authorized to provide academic, employment, residency and
3 contact information regarding students who received a Kansas promise
4 scholarship to the state board of regents for the purposes of:

5 (A) Determining whether or not a student satisfied the requirements
6 of this act and the Kansas promise scholarship agreement; and

7 (B) aiding in the collection or recoupment of any funds required to be
8 repaid pursuant to this section.

9 (5) Eligible postsecondary educational institutions shall:

10 (A) Provide annually to the state board of regents the last known
11 contact information of each student who received a Kansas promise
12 scholarship until the requirements of the program and scholarship
13 agreement are complete; and

14 (B) notify the state board of regents when a student who received a
15 Kansas promise scholarship:

16 (i) Completes the program of study for which the student received the
17 scholarship or has exhausted scholarship benefits; and

18 (ii) exceeds the 36-month program completion requirement provided
19 in this section. This requirement shall apply to any Kansas promise
20 scholarship awarded on or after July 1, 2021.

21 (6) For any Kansas promise scholarship awarded on or after July 1,
22 2021, eligible postsecondary educational institutions shall not be
23 considered a contractor of the state nor shall such institutions be required
24 to participate in tracking, collecting or recouping any funds required to be
25 repaid by a student who fails to satisfy the requirements of a Kansas
26 promise scholarship agreement pursuant to this section.

27 (c) Any requirement of a Kansas promise scholarship agreement
28 entered into pursuant to this section may be postponed for good cause in
29 accordance with rules and regulations of the state board of regents.

30 (d) A scholarship recipient satisfies the requirements of the Kansas
31 promise scholarship program if such recipient:

32 (1) Completes the requirements of the scholarship agreement;

33 (2) commences service as a military servicemember after receiving a
34 Kansas promise scholarship;

35 (3) fails to satisfy the requirements after making the best possible
36 effort to do so as determined by the state board of regents;

37 (4) is unable to obtain employment or continue in employment after
38 making the best possible effort to do so; or

39 (5) is unable to satisfy the requirements due to disability or death of
40 the scholarship recipient.

41 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-32,276 and 74-32,278 are hereby
42 repealed.

43 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

- 1 publication in the statute book.