

**As Amended by House Committee**

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*Session of 2026*

**Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2530**

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to career readiness assessments;  
2 providing for the transferability of credentials earned through such  
3 assessments toward a degree; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 72-5179  
4 and repealing the existing section.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 72-5179 is hereby amended to read as  
8 follows: 72-5179. (a) The state board of education shall provide the ACT  
9 college entrance exam and the three ACT workkeys assessments that are  
10 required to earn a national career readiness certificate to each student  
11 enrolled in grades 11 and 12, and the pre-ACT college entrance exam to  
12 each student enrolled in grade nine. No student shall be required to pay  
13 any fees or costs to take any such exam or assessments. The state board  
14 shall not be required to provide more than one exam and three assessments  
15 for each student. The state board of education may enter into any contracts  
16 that are necessary to promote statewide cost savings to administer such  
17 exams and assessments.

18 (b) The Kansas department of education and each school district shall  
19 annually publish on their websites the times, dates and locations of the pre-  
20 ACT college entrance exam, the ACT college entrance exam and the ACT  
21 workkeys assessments that are offered in Kansas and information for  
22 students on how to register for such exams or assessments.

23 (c) Participation in the pre-ACT college entrance exam, the ACT  
24 college entrance exam or the ACT workkeys assessment shall be optional.  
25 Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any student to  
26 participate in such exams or assessments.

27 (d) *Each postsecondary educational institution shall adopt and  
28 implement a policy to use a platinum, gold or silver credential earned  
29 through the ACT workkeys assessments, or other similar credential  
30 earned through a similar career readiness assessment, as transferable  
31 credit toward the attainment of a postsecondary technical degree. Such  
32 transferability shall be based on the recommendations of the American  
33 council on education national guide.*

34 (e) On or before the first day of each regular legislative session, the  
35 state board of education shall prepare and submit a report to the senate  
36 standing committee on education and the house standing committee or any

1 successor committees on education that includes the aggregate exam and  
2 assessment data for all students who were provided the exams and  
3 assessments pursuant to this section.

4 (e)(f) As used in this section:

5 (1) "Postsecondary educational institution" means the same as  
6 defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto; and

7 (2) "student" means any person who is regularly enrolled in any  
8 public school or accredited nonpublic school located in Kansas.

9 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 72-5179 is hereby repealed.

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