

As Amended by House Committee

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.