

HOUSE BILL No. 2743

By Committee on Education

Requested by Representative Brantley

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AN ACT concerning education; relating to the Kansas blueprint for literacy; requiring the state board of regents and the state department of education to ensure that no teacher preparation program include content related to diversity, equity and inclusion principles; providing an extended period for retired and substitute teachers to complete certain required literacy training; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-32,294 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-32,294 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-32,294. (a) The state board of regents and the state board of education shall collaborate to:

(a)(1) Jointly approve micro-credential requirements for in-service teachers or certification requirements for pre-service teachers at state educational institutions in the science of reading and structured literacy;

(b)(2) develop or make accessible professional development programs and micro-credential courses for all in-service early childhood teachers, general education teachers and special education teachers at low or no cost to such teachers. Such programs and courses shall be delivered by national online learning programs or accredited Kansas postsecondary educational institutions;

(c)(3) ensure *that* all pre-service teacher preparation programs at state educational institutions are based on the science of reading and structured literacy *and no such teacher preparation education program includes coursework, training or instructional content related to diversity, equity and inclusion principles as a condition of program approval or teacher licensure*;

(d)(4) publish standards and course progressions to achieve transparency of Kansas reading education programs; and

(e)(5) provide data for the program to the director of literacy education that tracks the science of reading and structured literacy training progression of in-service and pre-service early childhood and elementary teachers, special education teachers and paraprofessionals, reading specialists and early childhood and elementary administrators for all school districts in the state.

1 *(b) Any requirement by the state board of education for elementary*
2 *teachers to complete approved training in the science of reading and*
3 *structured literacy or other training to achieve a seal of literacy within a*
4 *certain period shall provide substitute and retired teachers an additional*
5 *two years to complete such training.*

6 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-32,294 is hereby repealed.

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