

HOUSE BILL No. 2743

By Committee on Education

Requested by Representative Brantley

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to the Kansas blueprint for
2 literacy; requiring the state board of regents and the state department of
3 education to ensure that no teacher preparation program include content
4 related to diversity, equity and inclusion principles; providing an
5 extended period for retired and substitute teachers to complete certain
6 required literacy training; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-32,294 and
7 repealing the existing section.
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9 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

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

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

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

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

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

30 (e)(5) provide data for the program to the director of literacy
31 education that tracks the science of reading and structured literacy training
32 progression of in-service and pre-service early childhood and elementary
33 teachers, special education teachers and paraprofessionals, reading
34 specialists and early childhood and elementary administrators for all
35 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.