

SENATE BILL No. 437

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to technical colleges; establishing
2 the technical college funding task force; requiring such task force to
3 design and make recommendations for a pilot outcomes-based funding
4 model for technical colleges.

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

7 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the technical college
8 funding task force. The task force shall be composed of the following 15
9 members:

10 (1) The president of Manhattan area technical college or the
11 president's designee;

12 (2) the president of Washburn institute of technology or the
13 president's designee;

14 (3) the president of Salina area technical college or the president's
15 designee;

16 (4) the president of Wichita state university campus of applied
17 sciences and technology or the president's designee;

18 (5) the president of Flint Hills technical college or the president's
19 designee;

20 (6) the president of Fort Hays state university – north central Kansas
21 technical college or the president's designee;

22 (7) the president of Fort Hays state university – northwest Kansas
23 technical college or the president's designee;

24 (8) one member appointed by the secretary of commerce;

25 (9) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of
26 representatives;

27 (10) one member appointed by the majority leader of the house of
28 representatives;

29 (11) one member appointed by the speaker pro tem of the house of
30 representatives;

31 (12) one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of
32 representatives;

33 (13) one member appointed by the president of the senate;

34 (14) one member appointed by the majority leader of the senate; and

35 (15) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

36 (b) The technical college funding task force shall:

1 (1) Develop a pilot outcomes-based state funding model for technical
2 colleges that aligns state investment with measurable outcome metrics;

3 (2) establish measurable outcome metrics for technical colleges and
4 their impact on academic success, workforce outcomes, economic
5 development and community stability and revitalization. Such outcome
6 measures may include, but are not limited to, academic progress and
7 completion, dual and concurrent enrollment and early postsecondary
8 success, industry credentials and licensure, workforce entry and retention,
9 critical-need, high-wage and emerging-need occupation placement; and

10 (3) prepare and submit a report to the legislature on or before January
11 31, 2028. Such report shall include recommendations on establishing a
12 pilot technical college funding model to test and validate the impact of the
13 outcomes-based criteria, additional appropriations for such pilot funding
14 model, the timing and method of implementation of such pilot funding
15 model and any other recommendations related to technical college
16 funding.

17 (c) (1) The pilot funding model developed by the task force shall:

18 (A) Recommend an amount of additional moneys to be appropriated
19 for such funding model;

20 (B) develop an outcomes-based method of distribution of the
21 recommended additional moneys to technical colleges based on the
22 outcome metrics established by the task force;

23 (C) ensure appropriate distribution of additional state moneys across
24 technical colleges; and

25 (D) align technical college funding with strategic state goals in
26 economic development, rural revitalization and workforce development
27 and expansion.

28 (2) The pilot funding model developed by the task force may include
29 additional funding sources or mechanisms to enhance and stabilize funding
30 to technical colleges, including, but not limited to, enrollment-based
31 funding and operating grants.

32 (d) (1) Members appointed to the task force shall be appointed on or
33 before December 31, 2026. The chairperson of the task force shall be
34 selected from among the membership of the task force by the members of
35 the task force. Any vacancy in the membership of the task force shall be
36 filled by appointment in the same manner prescribed by this section for the
37 original appointment.

38 (2) A quorum of the task force shall be 8 members. All actions of the
39 task force shall be taken by a majority of members present when there is a
40 quorum.

41 (3) The task force may meet at any time and at any place within the
42 state upon the call of the chairperson.

43 (4) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative

1 research department, the division of legislative administrative services, the
2 state board of regents and the state department of education shall provide
3 assistance as may be requested by the task force.

4 (5) If approved by the legislative coordinating council, members of
5 the task force who attend meetings of the task force shall be paid amounts
6 for expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e),
7 and amendments thereto.

8 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
9 publication in the statute book.