

SENATE BILL No. 440

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to teacher training programs;
2 authorizing a special education training pilot program that provides
3 provisional accreditation to a private entity for the purpose of operating
4 a special education teacher training program; authorizing such entity to
5 collect data from such program; providing requirements for full
6 accreditation of such program; amending K.S.A. 72-2151 and repealing
7 the existing section.

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

10 New Section 1. Notwithstanding K.S.A. 72-2151, and amendments
11 thereto, there is hereby authorized a special education teacher training pilot
12 program. The state board shall provisionally accredit a private entity to
13 operate such special education training pilot program for a period of two
14 years. As part of such pilot program, the private entity shall provide high-
15 quality instruction to teacher candidates who hold a bachelor's degree and
16 are seeking licensure as a special education teacher. The private entity may
17 collect data while operating such program. Upon completion of the pilot
18 program, the private entity may seek full accreditation pursuant to K.S.A.
19 72-2151(b), and amendments thereto.

20 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-2151 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
21 2151. (a) Upon application of any college—or, university, or *other*
22 *postsecondary* educational institution of like standing, incorporated under
23 the general laws of the state of Kansas, and requiring a four-year ~~high-~~
24 ~~school~~ *high school* course or—*its* equivalent *thereof*, as a condition of
25 admission, the state board *of education* shall have the power to examine
26 the course of study prescribed and the character of the work done by ~~it~~;
27 *and such institution*. If, in the judgment of the state board, the course of
28 study and the character of the work done—*shall be of such standing as to*
29 *prepare* *prepares* the graduates of such institution to teach successfully in
30 the public schools of this state, and—if *said* *such* institution maintains a
31 department of education—and *in which* the course of study prescribed
32 includes work in *said department* satisfactory to the state board, the state
33 board shall place such institution on the accredited list.

34 (b) *Upon application of a private entity that was provisionally*
35 *accredited by the state board to operate a special education teacher*
36 *training pilot program as provided in section 1, and amendments thereto,*

1 *if, in the judgment of the state board, the course of study and character of*
2 *work in such pilot program prepares the participants in the pilot program*
3 *to teach special education successfully in the schools of this state, the state*
4 *board shall place such entity on the accredited list.*

5 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 72-2151 is hereby repealed.

6 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
7 publication in the statute book.