

SENATE BILL No. 496

By Committee on Education

2-6

1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to postsecondary educational
2 institutions; requiring the state board of regents, in consultation with
3 the attorney general, to develop materials, programs and procedures
4 regarding freedom of speech, association and exercise of religion;
5 requiring postsecondary educational institutions to provide training to
6 certain individuals using such materials, programs and procedures;
7 requiring the state board of regents to confirm that each such institution
8 has complied with such requirements; authorizing the attorney general
9 to bring a civil action to enforce compliance with this act.
10

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

12 Section 1. (a) The state board of regents, in consultation with the
13 attorney general, shall develop materials, programs and procedures for
14 each postsecondary educational institution, as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b,
15 and amendments thereto, to provide annual training on the policies,
16 guidelines and duties of the postsecondary educational institution
17 regarding freedom of speech, association and exercise of religion on the
18 campus of such institution.

19 (b) The materials, programs and procedures developed pursuant to
20 subsection (a) shall include, but not be limited to:

21 (1) The provisions of K.S.A. 60-5301 et seq. and 60-5321, and
22 amendments thereto;

23 (2) sections 3, 7 and 11 of the bill of rights of the Constitution of the
24 state of Kansas; and

25 (3) the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

26 (c) (1) As part of the required annual training, each postsecondary
27 educational institution shall provide the materials, programs and
28 procedures to the following individuals to ensure that such individuals
29 understand the policies, guidelines and duties referred to in subsection (a):

30 (A) Individuals responsible for discipline instruction of students;

31 (B) individuals responsible for the administration of the campus
32 community; and

33 (C) individuals with oversight over student organizations or that
34 distribute activity fee funds. Such individuals include, but are not limited
35 to, any president, vice president, dean, department director, administrator,
36 campus law enforcement officer, residence life official, faculty and

1 members of a student government organization.

2 (2) Any other student, faculty, staff or elected officials and the staff of
3 such officials shall be allowed to attend any training programs or receive
4 any materials developed pursuant to subsection (a).

5 (d) The state board of regents shall annually confirm to the speaker of
6 the house of representatives, the president of the senate and the attorney
7 general that each postsecondary educational institution has provided the
8 training required by this section.

9 (e) The attorney general may bring an action against the state board
10 of regents or any postsecondary educational institution to enforce
11 compliance with this section.

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