

**SENATE BILL No. 336**

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to scholarship  
2 programs; creating the Kansas reinvest in postsecondary education act.  
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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. The provisions of sections 1 through 7, and amendments  
6 thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas reinvest in  
7 postsecondary education act.

8 Sec. 2. As used in sections 1 through 7, and amendments thereto:

9 (a) "Board" means the state board of regents provided for in the  
10 constitution of this state and described in article 32 of chapter 74 of the  
11 Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

12 (b) "Bridge program" means a baccalaureate degree program  
13 approved by the board for the Kansas RISE scholarship program whereby  
14 a student holding an associate degree may obtain a bachelor's degree from  
15 a four-year eligible postsecondary educational institution within two years  
16 after entering such baccalaureate program.

17 (c) "Continuous enrollment" means a student is enrolled in a  
18 minimum of six credit hours in each of the fall and spring semesters of a  
19 single academic year until such student has graduated or completed the  
20 certificate program. Enrollment during the summer is not required for  
21 "continuous enrollment."

22 (d) "Eligible high school" means any public or private secondary  
23 school located in Kansas.

24 (e) "Eligible postsecondary educational institution" means any  
25 postsecondary educational institution or any private postsecondary  
26 educational institution that:

27 (1) Is accredited by and in good standing with the higher learning  
28 commission of the north central association of colleges and universities;  
29 and

30 (2) offers an associate degree or an industry-recognized certificate in  
31 a technical profession.

32 (f) "Eligible postsecondary education program" means an associate  
33 degree program, a career and technical education program or a bridge  
34 program that is offered by an eligible postsecondary educational institution  
35 whereby a student can obtain a degree or an industry-recognized certificate  
36 in a technical profession.

1 (3) procedures for requesting and approving medical and personal  
2 absences from an eligible postsecondary education program.

3 Sec. 4. To be eligible for a Kansas RISE scholarship, a student shall:

4 (a) Be a Kansas resident;

5 (b) (1) be enrolled in grade 12 in an eligible high school;

6 (2) have graduated from an eligible high school not less than five  
7 years prior to applying for a Kansas RISE scholarship;

8 (3) have been in the custody of the secretary for children and families  
9 as a minor pursuant to the revised Kansas code for care of children at any  
10 time while enrolled in any of the grades six through 12; or

11 (4) have obtained a general educational development (GED)  
12 certificate;

13 (c) complete the required scholarship application on such forms and  
14 in such manner as established by the board;

15 (d) complete the free application for federal student aid for the  
16 academic year in which the student seeks to receive a Kansas RISE  
17 scholarship;

18 (e) participate in mentoring and guidance sessions as required by the  
19 board; and

20 (f) enroll in an eligible postsecondary education program for the fall  
21 semester immediately following submission of the student's scholarship  
22 application.

23 Sec. 5. (a) Subject to ~~the limitation~~ provided in subsection (b), the  
24 amount of a Kansas RISE scholarship for a student for each semester shall  
25 be: (1) The aggregate amount of tuition and ~~mandatory~~ fees for the eligible  
26 postsecondary education program for the semester in which the student is  
27 enrolled less the aggregate amount of all other gift aid awarded to such  
28 student for such semester; plus (2) ~~an amount equal to \$250~~ to pay for all,  
29 or a portion of, the cost of books and materials for such semester.

30 (b) If a student is enrolled in an eligible postsecondary education  
31 program offered by a four-year eligible postsecondary educational  
32 institution, the aggregate amount of tuition, ~~mandatory~~ fees and the cost of  
33 books and materials for such eligible postsecondary education program  
34 shall be the average cost of tuition, ~~mandatory~~ fees and the cost of books  
35 and materials for such eligible postsecondary education program when  
36 offered by an eligible public postsecondary educational institution that is  
37 not a four-year institution.

38 (c) The amount of a Kansas RISE scholarship for a student enrolled  
39 in an eligible postsecondary education program offered by a four-year  
40 eligible postsecondary educational institution shall be funded based on \$1  
41 from such four-year eligible postsecondary educational institution's  
42 endowment or other scholarship granting fund for every \$1 paid by the  
43 board pursuant to this act.

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