

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.

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in the United States

1 (g) "Four-year eligible postsecondary educational institution" means
2 an eligible postsecondary educational institution that offers baccalaureate
3 degrees in addition to associate degrees or industry-recognized certificates
4 in technical professions.

5 (h) "Gift aid" means financial aid received from a federal Pell grant
6 and any other scholarship or financial assistance awards that do not require
7 repayment.

8 (i) "Postsecondary educational institution" means the same as defined
9 in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.

10 (j) "Private postsecondary educational institution" means an entity
11 that is not a postsecondary educational institution, and that:

12 (1) Is a business enterprise, ~~whether~~ operated on a ~~for-profit or~~ not-
13 for-profit basis;

14 (2) has a physical presence within the state of Kansas; and

15 (3) offers a course or courses of instruction or study through
16 classroom contact or by distance education, or both, for the purpose of
17 training or preparing persons for a field of endeavor in a business, trade,
18 technical or industrial occupation, or that offers a course or courses leading
19 to an academic degree.

20 (k) "Semester" means one of two principal terms, when there are only
21 two principal terms in the academic year, whether or not there are other
22 shorter terms during the same academic year.

23 Sec. 3. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas RISE scholarship
24 program. The state board of regents shall administer such program, and
25 shall:

26 (1) Publicize Kansas RISE scholarships, including the list of eligible
27 postsecondary education programs and information regarding application
28 procedures and deadlines;

29 (2) review and approve or deny applications for a Kansas RISE
30 scholarship;

31 (3) request any information from an eligible postsecondary
32 educational institution the board deems necessary for the administration of
33 this act;

34 (4) establish requirements for mentoring and guidance sessions for
35 students participating in the program; and

36 (5) annually evaluate the Kansas RISE scholarship program and
37 prepare and submit reports in accordance with section 7, and amendments
38 thereto.

39 (b) On or before January 1, 2021, the board shall adopt rules and
40 regulations for the implementation and administration of this act,
41 including, but not limited to:

42 (1) Deadlines for applications to be submitted;

43 (2) appeal procedures for denial or revocation of a scholarship; and