

**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.

"Baccalaureate degree completion program" means the last two years, or up to the last 60 credit hours, of a baccalaureate degree program approved by the board for the Kansas RISE scholarship program whereby a student holding an associate degree or completing one half of such baccalaureate program may obtain a bachelor's degree from a four-year eligible postsecondary educational program.  
(b)

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