

SENATE BILL No. 437

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; establishing the Kansas education
2 enrichment program; authorizing educational awards to certain
3 elementary and secondary students for qualifying expenses for
4 educational goods and services; requiring the state treasurer to
5 administer the program; establishing the Kansas education enrichment
6 program fund; making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year
7 ending June 30, 2025, for the department of revenue.
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9 WHEREAS, The Kansas education enrichment program has
10 successfully provided direct assistance to families, contributing to their
11 health and wellness; and

12 WHEREAS, The Kansas education enrichment program is designed for
13 qualified students that will enroll in a public elementary or secondary
14 school during the school year and will provide such students a grant of
15 \$1,000 to pay for educational goods and services; and

16 WHEREAS, The success of our state depends on the success of Kansas
17 families and every Kansas family could benefit from this program; and

18 WHEREAS, The legislature affirms the Kansas education enrichment
19 program should continue.

20 Now, therefore:

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

22 Section 1.

23 STATE TREASURER

24 (a) There is appropriated for the above agency from the state general
25 fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

26 Kansas education enrichment program.....\$100,000,000

27 *Provided*, That expenditures shall be made by the above agency from the
28 Kansas education enrichment program account to provide grants to
29 families in amounts determined pursuant to section 2, and amendments
30 thereto.

31 Sec. 2. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the
32 Kansas education enrichment program act.

33 (b) As used in the Kansas education enrichment program act:

34 (1) "Program" means the Kansas education enrichment program
35 established in subsection (c).

36 (2) "Qualified student" means a resident of Kansas who is eligible to

1 enroll in and attend kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 at a
2 public school in this state.

3 (3) "Qualifying expenses" means expenses paid for educational goods
4 and services, including, but not limited to:

5 (A) Tutoring;

6 (B) extended school day educational programs;

7 (C) academic and arts-related day or summer camps;

8 (D) assessments;

9 (E) uniforms for school-related activities;

10 (F) educational, learning or study skills services; and

11 (G) any other services offered by school districts or other education
12 providers.

13 (4) "Treasurer" means the state treasurer or the state treasurer's
14 designee.

15 (c) There is hereby established the Kansas education enrichment
16 program to award grants to qualified students for qualifying expenses. The
17 program shall be implemented and administered by the treasurer.

18 (d) Each qualified student shall be eligible to receive two separate
19 payments of \$1,000. The first payment shall be made when the qualified
20 student is eligible to enroll in any of the grades one through eight. The
21 second payment shall be made when the qualified student is eligible to
22 enroll in any of the grades nine through 12. No qualified student shall
23 receive more than one award in a school year and such award shall not be
24 more than \$1,000. No qualified student shall receive more than \$2,000 in
25 total awards from the program.

26 (e) Awards may be administered and distributed by a third-party
27 vendor. Such vendor shall create a digital account for each qualified
28 student receiving an award under the program. Such digital account shall
29 allow for reimbursement and direct payment for qualified expenses.

30 (f) The treasurer shall determine annually the total amount to be
31 transferred to the Kansas education enrichment program fund by
32 multiplying the number of qualified students who will receive an award
33 under the program by \$1,000 for the next succeeding school year. The
34 treasurer shall certify the amount to the director of accounts and reports on
35 or before August 1 of each year. On July 1, 2025, and each July 1
36 thereafter, or as soon after each such date as moneys are available, upon
37 receipt of such certification, the director of accounts and reports shall
38 transfer the amount certified from the state general fund to the Kansas
39 education enrichment program fund.

40 (g) There is hereby established in the state treasury the Kansas
41 education enrichment program fund. Such fund shall be administered by
42 the treasurer subject to the provisions of this section. All expenditures
43 from the Kansas education enrichment program fund shall be for grants for

1 qualified students for qualifying expenses as provided by this section. All
2 expenditures from the Kansas education enrichment program fund shall be
3 made in accordance with the provisions of appropriation acts upon
4 warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to
5 vouchers approved by the treasurer or the treasurer's designee. Moneys not
6 expended in any fiscal year shall remain in the Kansas education
7 enrichment program fund.

8 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
9 publication in the statute book.