

**SENATE BILL No. 248**

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to the state board of education;  
2 creating the student opportunity scholarship program.

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

5 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the student opportunity  
6 scholarship program, which shall be administered by the state board of  
7 education. On and after July 1, 2018, a student may be eligible to receive a  
8 student opportunity scholarship if such student: (1) Attended an accredited  
9 Kansas high school for at least three consecutive years; (2) graduated from  
10 a Kansas high school prior to September 20 of the year in which such  
11 student would have been enrolled in grade 12; and (3) is enrolled in or  
12 plans to attend a postsecondary educational institution in Kansas.

13 (b) To receive a student opportunity scholarship, an eligible student  
14 shall provide the state board: (1) Proof of enrollment in a postsecondary  
15 educational institution within one year of graduation from high school; and  
16 (2) any other information deemed necessary by the state board.

17 (c) There is hereby established in the state treasury the student  
18 opportunity scholarship fund, which shall be administered by the state  
19 board of education. All expenditures from the student opportunity  
20 scholarship fund shall be for student opportunity scholarships and the  
21 administration of the student opportunity scholarship program. All  
22 expenditures from the student opportunity scholarship fund shall be made  
23 in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of  
24 accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state  
25 board or its designee. All moneys received for the purposes of this section  
26 shall be deposited in the state treasury in accordance with the provisions of  
27 K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, and shall be credited to the  
28 student opportunity scholarship fund.

29 (d) The state board shall provide a student opportunity scholarship to  
30 any student who meets the requirements of subsections (a) and (b). A  
31 student opportunity scholarship shall be paid directly to the postsecondary  
32 educational institution that the eligible student attends. If the annual cost  
33 of the student's tuition at such postsecondary educational institution is less  
34 than the scholarship amount, the remaining money shall remain in the  
35 student opportunity scholarship fund and the state board shall continue to  
36 pay an amount equal to the annual cost of tuition to the postsecondary

1 educational institution for each year that the student attends a  
2 postsecondary educational institution until the scholarship amount has  
3 been fully expended.

4 (e) (1) The amount of the scholarship shall be equal to 95% of the  
5 amount of state aid per student.

6 (2) The school district from which the student graduated shall receive  
7 an amount equal to 5% of the state aid per student.

8 (3) The state board may retain up to 2% of the amount of  
9 scholarships for the cost of administering the student opportunity  
10 scholarship program.

11 (f) The state board shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out the  
12 provisions of this section by July 1, 2018.

13 (g) As used in this section:

14 (1) "Postsecondary educational institution" means any state  
15 educational institution, municipal university, community college, technical  
16 college and institute of technology located in Kansas.

17 (2) "School district" means any public school district organized and  
18 operating under the laws of this state.

19 (3) "State board" means the state board of education.

20 (4) "State aid per student" means the general operating expenses  
21 received in the current school year by the school district from which the  
22 student graduated divided by the enrollment of such school district for the  
23 immediately preceding school year.

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