

**{As Amended by House Committee of the Whole}**

*Session of 2012*

**HOUSE BILL No. 2745**

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 AN ACT concerning the board of regents; relating to funding for remedial  
2 courses provided by state educational institutions; relating to  
3 exceptions to the qualified admissions standards; amending K.S.A.  
4 2011 Supp. 76-717 and repealing the existing section.

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

7 New Section 1. (a) No funds appropriated from the state general  
8 fund for any state educational institution shall be expended for the  
9 purposes of providing remedial courses.

10 (b) The board of regents, in its budget estimate filed pursuant to  
11 K.S.A. 75-3717, and amendments thereto, shall not include any  
12 appropriation requests for expenditures related to the provision of remedial  
13 courses at state educational institutions.

14 (c) As used in this section:

15 (1) The terms "board of regents" and "state educational institution"  
16 shall have the same meanings, respectively, as such terms are defined in  
17 K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.

18 (2) "Remedial course" means any course offered by a state  
19 educational institution in the area of mathematics or language arts, which  
20 includes expenditures for formally organized or separately budgeted  
21 instructional activities that give students the basic knowledge and skills  
22 required by the institution before they can undertake formal academic  
23 course work leading to a postsecondary degree or certificate.

24 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 76-717 is hereby amended to read as  
25 follows: 76-717. (a) The board of regents may adopt rules and regulations  
26 for the admission of students at the state educational institutions. Except as  
27 provided by subsection (f), the rules and regulations shall include the  
28 following:

29 (1) Each Kansas resident who has graduated from an accredited  
30 Kansas high school and who is seeking admission to a state educational  
31 institution shall be admitted if the applicant for admission has achieved at  
32 least one of the following:

33 (A) The applicant has completed the precollege curriculum prescribed  
34 by the board of regents with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a  
35 4.0 scale or has been recognized by the board of regents as having attained  
36 a functionally equivalent level of education; or

1 (B) the applicant has a composite American college testing program  
2 (ACT) score of not less than 21 points; or

3 (C) the applicant ranks in the top 1/3 of the applicant's high school  
4 class upon completion of seven or eight semesters.

5 (2) Each Kansas resident who has graduated from a non-accredited  
6 private secondary school, as defined in K.S.A. 72-53,100, and  
7 amendments thereto, and who is seeking admission to a state educational  
8 institution shall be admitted if the applicant for admission has a composite  
9 American college testing program (ACT) score of not less than 21 points.

10 (3) Admission to all state educational institutions shall be granted to  
11 each Kansas resident under 21 years of age who has earned the general  
12 educational development (GED) certificate with an overall score of not  
13 less than 50 points.

14 (4) Admission to all state educational institutions shall remain open  
15 for each Kansas resident who is 21 years of age or older and who has:

16 (A) Graduated from an accredited Kansas high school or a non-  
17 accredited private secondary school; or

18 (B) earned the general educational development (GED) certificate  
19 with an overall score of not less than 50 points.

20 (5) Each state educational institution shall establish and maintain a  
21 policy permitting the admission of not more than ~~40%~~ 5% of the total  
22 number of freshman class admissions to the state educational institution as  
23 exceptions to the minimum admissions standards prescribed by this  
24 section. These exceptions shall only be applied to students who are *bona*  
25 *fide* residents of Kansas in accordance with rules and regulations of the  
26 board of regents and which rules and regulations are substantially similar  
27 to law, rule or regulation relative to the determination of resident status for  
28 tuition purposes. **{Such policy shall also provide that in determining**  
29 **which students to admit as exceptions to the minimum admissions**  
30 **standards prescribed by this section, the state educational institution**  
31 **shall give preference to persons who are in military service.}** The board  
32 of regents shall adopt rules and regulations prescribing criteria and  
33 guidelines to be applied on a system-wide basis to policies established by  
34 the state educational institutions for the purpose of permitting freshman  
35 class admissions to the institutions as exceptions to the minimum  
36 admissions standards prescribed by this section. On or before January 31  
37 of each year, the board of regents shall submit a report to the legislature  
38 containing the number and percentage of freshman class admissions  
39 permitted as exceptions to such standards during the preceding academic  
40 year. The information contained in the annual report shall be disaggregated  
41 by institution.

42 (6) Each Kansas resident who has earned at least 24 credit hours of  
43 transferable course work with a cumulative grade point average of not less

1 than 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at an accredited community college, university or  
2 other college shall be admitted as a transfer student to the state educational  
3 institutions. Each state educational institution may permit the admission of  
4 not more than ~~10%~~ 5% of the total number of such resident transfer  
5 admissions to the state educational institution as exceptions to the  
6 minimum admission standards prescribed by this paragraph. **{In**  
7 **determining which students to admit as exceptions to the minimum**  
8 **admissions standards prescribed by this paragraph, the state**  
9 **educational institution shall give preference to persons who are in**  
10 **military service.}** The board of regents shall adopt rules and regulations  
11 prescribing criteria and guidelines to be applied on a system-wide basis for  
12 the purpose of admitting students who have earned at least 24 credit hours  
13 of transferable course work to state educational institutions as exceptions  
14 to the minimum standards prescribed by this paragraph. On or before  
15 January 31 of each year, the board of regents shall submit a report to the  
16 legislature containing the number and percentage of transfer student  
17 admissions permitted as exceptions to such standards during the preceding  
18 academic year. The information contained in the report shall be  
19 disaggregated by institution.

20 (7) Each person who is not a resident of Kansas and who has  
21 graduated from an accredited high school may be admitted as a freshman  
22 to any of the state educational institutions if the person has achieved at  
23 least one of the following:

24 (A) The person has completed the precollege curriculum prescribed  
25 by the board of regents with a minimum grade point average of 2.50 on a  
26 4.0 scale or has been recognized by the board of regents as having attained  
27 a functionally equivalent level of education; or

28 (B) the person has a composite American college testing program  
29 (ACT) score of not less than 21 points; or

30 (C) the person ranks in the top 1/3 of the person's high school class  
31 upon completion of seven or eight semesters.

32 (8) Each person who is not a resident of Kansas and who has  
33 graduated from a non-accredited private secondary school meeting  
34 requirements substantially equivalent to K.S.A. 72-53,100 through 72-  
35 53,102, and amendments thereto, may be admitted to any state educational  
36 institution if the person has a composite American college testing program  
37 (ACT) score of not less than 21 points.

38 (9) Each person who is not a resident of Kansas and who has earned  
39 at least 24 credit hours of transferable course work with a cumulative  
40 grade point average of not less than 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at an accredited  
41 community college, university or other college may be admitted as a  
42 transfer student to any of the state educational institutions. Each state  
43 educational institution may permit the admission of not more than ~~10%~~

1 5% of the total number of such non-resident transfer admissions to the  
2 state educational institution as exceptions to the minimum admission  
3 standards prescribed by this paragraph. **{In determining which students  
4 to admit as exceptions to the minimum admissions standards  
5 prescribed by this paragraph, the state educational institution shall  
6 give preference to persons who are in military service.}** The board of  
7 regents shall adopt rules and regulations prescribing criteria and guidelines  
8 to be applied on a system-wide basis for the purpose of admitting students  
9 who have earned at least 24 credit hours of transferable course work to  
10 state educational institutions as exceptions to the minimum standards  
11 prescribed by this paragraph. On or before January 31 of each year, the  
12 board of regents shall submit a report to the legislature containing the  
13 number and percentage of transfer student admissions permitted as  
14 exceptions to such standards during the preceding academic year. The  
15 information contained in the report shall be disaggregated by institution.

16 (b) The board of regents may prescribe a precollege curriculum which  
17 includes, but need not be limited to, four units of English, three units of  
18 mathematics, three units of social studies and three units of natural  
19 science.

20 (c) When a Kansas high school is organized in a manner that provides  
21 for documentation of a student's performance in terms other than units of  
22 credit or grade point averages, or both, the board of regents shall  
23 determine for the students of such school a level of education that is  
24 functionally equivalent to the completion of the precollege curriculum  
25 with the required grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The determination of  
26 a functionally equivalent level of education required under this subsection  
27 shall be made by the board of regents after consultation with the state  
28 board of education and the board of education or other governing authority  
29 having jurisdiction over the students of the affected school.

30 (d) The board of regents shall determine a level of education that is  
31 functionally equivalent to the completion of the precollege curriculum  
32 with the required grade point average on a 4.0 scale for persons who are  
33 not residents of Kansas.

34 (e) The board of regents may authorize the chief executive officer of  
35 each state educational institution to adopt additional rules and policies  
36 relating to admissions of students so long as such rules and policies are not  
37 in conflict with the provisions of this section.

38 (f) The board of regents may adopt rules and regulations establishing  
39 standards for the admission of students to state educational institutions that  
40 differ from the standards set forth in subsection (a). Rules and regulations  
41 adopted pursuant to this subsection that are more rigorous than those set  
42 forth in subsection (a) shall not be effective prior to the first day of the  
43 fourth academic year following the year in which the rules and regulations

1 are adopted.

2 (g) Information in reports required to be compiled and submitted to  
3 the legislature by this section may be compiled and submitted to the  
4 legislature in a single report.

5 **{(h) "Military service" means: (A) Any active service in any**  
6 **armed service of the United States; or (B) membership in the Kansas**  
7 **army or air national guard.}**

8 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 76-717 is hereby repealed.

9 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
10 publication in the statute book.

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