SENATE BILL No. 261

By Legislative Educational Planning Committee

AN ACT concerning the Kansas private and out-of-state post-secondary educational institution act; relating to fees and the expiration thereof; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 74-32,181 and repealing the existing section.

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


(a) The state board shall fix, charge and collect fees not to exceed the following amounts by adopting rules and regulations for such purposes:

(1) For institutions domiciled or having their principal place of business within the state of Kansas:

- Initial application fees:
  - Non-degree granting institution: $2,000
  - Degree granting institution: $3,000

- Initial evaluation fee (in addition to initial application fees):
  - Non-degree level: $750
  - Associate degree level: $1,000
  - Baccalaureate degree level: $2,000
  - Master's degree level: $3,000
  - Professional or doctoral degree level: $4,000

- Renewal application fees:
  - Non-degree granting institution: 2% of gross tuition, but not less than $800, nor more than $25,000
  - Degree granting institution: 2% of gross tuition, but not less than $1,600, nor more than $25,000

- New program submission fees, for each new program:
  - Non-degree program: $250
  - Associate degree program: $500
  - Baccalaureate degree program: $750
  - Master's degree program: $1,000
  - Professional or doctoral degree program: $2,000

- Program modification fee, for each program: $100

- Branch campus site fees, for each branch campus site:
  - Initial non-degree granting institution: $1,500
  - Initial degree granting institution: $2,500
Renewal branch campus site fees, for each branch campus site:

Non-degree granting institution........................................2% of gross tuition,

but not less than $800, nor more than $25,000

Degree granting institution........................................2% of gross tuition,

but not less than $1,600, nor more than $25,000

On-site branch campus review fee, for each site.......................$250

Representative fees:

Initial registration.................................................................$200

Renewal of registration.............................................................$150

Late submission of renewal of application fee.................................$125

Student transcript copy fee.........................................................$10

Returned check fee.................................................................$50

Changes in institution profile fees:

Change of institution name.........................................................$100

Change of institution location.....................................................$100

Change of ownership only.........................................................$100

(2) For institutions domiciled or having their principal place of business outside the state of Kansas:

Initial application fees:

Non-degree granting institution....................................................$4,000

Degree granting institution..........................................................$5,500

Initial evaluation fee (in addition to initial application fees):

Non-degree level.................................................................$1,500

Associate degree level...........................................................$2,000

Baccalaureate degree level.........................................................$3,000

Master's degree level..............................................................$4,000

Professional or doctoral degree level..............................................$5,000

Renewal application fees:

Non-degree granting institution..................................................3% of gross tuition,

but not less than $2,400, nor more than $25,000

Degree granting institution..................................................3% of gross tuition,

but not less than $3,000, nor more than $25,000

New program submission fees, for each new program:

Non-degree program.................................................................$500

Associate degree program..........................................................$750

Baccalaureate degree program...................................................$1,000

Master's degree program............................................................$1,500

Professional or doctoral degree program..........................................$2,500

Program modification fee, for each program........................................$100

Branch campus site fees, for each branch campus site:

Initial non-degree granting institution..............................................$4,000

Initial degree granting institution..................................................$5,500

Renewal branch campus site fees, for each branch campus site:
Non-degree granting institution.................................................. 3% of gross tuition, but not less than $2,400, nor more than $25,000
Degree granting institution...................................................... 3% of gross tuition, but not less than $3,000, nor more than $25,000
Onsite branch campus review fee, for each site............................ $500
Representative fees:
Initial registration........................................................................ $350
Renewal of registration............................................................... $250
Late submission of renewal of application fee............................... $125
Student transcript copy fee.......................................................... $10
Returned check fee....................................................................... $50
Changes in institution profile fees:
Change of institution name.......................................................... $100
Change of institution location....................................................... $100
Change of ownership only........................................................... $100
(b) Fees shall not be refundable.
(c) If there is a change in the ownership of an institution and, if at the same time, there also are changes in the institution's programs of instruction, location, entrance requirements or other changes, the institution shall be required to submit an application for an initial certificate of approval and shall pay all applicable fees associated with an initial application.
(d) An application for renewal shall be deemed late if the applicant fails to submit a completed application for renewal, or documentation requested by the state board to complete the renewal process, before the expiration date of the current certificate of approval.
(e) The state board shall determine on or before June 1 of each year the amount of revenue which will be required to properly carry out and enforce the provisions of the Kansas private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institution act for the next ensuing fiscal year and shall fix the fees authorized for such year at the sum deemed necessary for such purposes within the limits of this section. Prior to adoption of any such fees, the state board shall afford the advisory commission an opportunity to make recommendations on the proposed fees.
(f) Fees may be charged to conduct onsite reviews for degree granting and non-degree granting institutions or to review curriculum in content areas where the state board does not have expertise.
(g) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2012.
Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 74-32,181 is hereby repealed.
Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.