

SENATE BILL No. 71

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to the state board
2 of regents; eliminating the expiration of the postsecondary technical
3 education authority; requiring an annual report; amending K.S.A. 74-
4 32,402 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 74-
5 32,404.

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

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 74-32,402 is hereby amended to read as follows:
9 74-32,402. (a) The postsecondary technical education authority shall:

10 (1) Have delegated authority from the board of regents to coordinate
11 state-wide planning for postsecondary technical education, new
12 postsecondary technical education programs and contract training. Such
13 planning shall be conducted in coordination with federal agencies, the state
14 board of education and other state agencies and Kansas business and
15 industry;

16 (2) recommend for adoption by the state board of regents rules and
17 regulations for the supervision of postsecondary technical education;

18 (3) review existing and proposed postsecondary technical educational
19 programs and program locations and make recommendations to the state
20 board of regents for approval or disapproval of such programs for state
21 funding purposes;

22 (4) review requests of state funding for postsecondary technical
23 education and make recommendations to the state board of regents for
24 amounts of state funding and the distribution thereof;

25 (5) develop benchmarks and accountability indicators of programs to
26 be utilized in the awarding of state funding and make recommendations
27 relating thereto to the state board of regents;

28 (6) develop and advocate annually a policy agenda for postsecondary
29 technical education;

30 (7) conduct continuous studies of ways to maximize the utilization of
31 resources available for postsecondary technical education and make
32 recommendations for improvement in the use of such resources to the state
33 board of regents;

34 (8) conduct studies to develop strategies and programs for meeting
35 needs of business and industry and make recommendations relating thereto
36 to the state board of regents;

1 (9) make reports on the performance of its functions and duties
2 together with any proposals and recommendations it may formulate with
3 respect thereto to the state board of regents ~~and the legislature;~~

4 (10) coordinate the development of a seamless system for the delivery
5 of technical education between the secondary-school level and the
6 postsecondary-school level; ~~and~~

7 (11) (A) develop and recommend to the state board of regents a credit
8 hour funding distribution formula for postsecondary technical training
9 programs that: (i) Is tiered to recognize and support cost differentials in
10 providing high-demand, high-tech training;; (ii) takes into consideration
11 target industries critical to the Kansas economy;; (iii) is responsive to
12 program growth; and (iv) includes other factors and considerations as
13 deemed necessary or advisable; and (B) establish and recommend to the
14 state board of regents the rates to be used in such funding distribution
15 formula; *and*

16 (12) *make an annual report to the legislature on the performance of*
17 *its functions and duties.*

18 (b) Recommendations adopted by the authority pursuant to
19 subsection (a) shall be submitted to the state board of regents. A
20 recommendation of the authority shall be implemented by the state board
21 unless the state board, by majority vote thereof, vetoes the
22 recommendation within 45 days of the submission of the recommendation
23 to the state board.

24 (c) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2), the state board of
25 regents and the postsecondary technical education authority shall appoint a
26 vice-president of workforce development who shall serve as the executive
27 director of the postsecondary technical education authority. The vice-
28 president for workforce development shall be in the unclassified service
29 under the Kansas civil service act. Such person shall not be a member of
30 the authority and shall serve at the pleasure of the state board of regents.

31 (2) The state board of regents shall develop a procedure for the
32 appointment of the vice-president of workforce development. Such
33 procedure shall provide for the participation of the Kansas association of
34 community college trustees and the Kansas association of technical
35 schools and colleges, or the successor organizations thereof, in the
36 selection of the vice-president of workforce development.

37 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-32,402 and 74-32,404 are hereby repealed.

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