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The 2021 Legislature enacted House Bill 2134, creating the Kansas Challenge to Secondary School Students Act, the “Kansas Challenge Act.”

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

2021 House Bill 2134 states that the purpose of the Kansas Challenge Act is to provide the means to school districts to encourage secondary students take advantage of all educational opportunities in Kansas.

STUDENTS

The bill amends the definition of “student” in the Kansas Challenge Act to require a student to have an individualized plan of study or an individualized education program. Within the Act, students are defined as someone who:

- Is enrolled in grades 10, 11, or 12 in a school district, or a gifted student enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12;
- Has an individualized plan of study or an individualized education program;
- Has demonstrated the ability to benefit from participation in the regular curricula of a postsecondary institution;
- Has been authorized by the student’s principal to apply for enrollment at a postsecondary institution; and
- Is acceptable or has been accepted for enrollment at a postsecondary educational institution.

Foster Care Students

HB 2134 expands the Kansas Foster Child Educational Assistance program to provide a tuition waiver for foster care students who are concurrently or dually enrolled in a postsecondary institution. In addition, school districts are authorized to pay for any costs that are not waived, including for fees, books, materials, and equipment. The definition of “eligible foster child” is amended to add a student, as defined by provisions of this bill, who has been in the custody of the Secretary for Children and Families and in foster care placement at any time the child was enrolled in grades 9 through 12.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Cost of Attendance

The bill allows school districts, at the discretion of the local boards of education, to pay for tuition, fees, books, materials, and equipment for any high school student who is concurrently or dually enrolled at a postsecondary educational institution. The bill authorizes a local board of education to pay all or a portion of those costs directly to the

postsecondary institution by the school district. Students or their families are required to pay any portion of the costs not covered by the school district. School districts are also authorized to provide transportation for concurrently or dually enrolled students.

Academic Credit

The bill requires postsecondary institutions to notify a student or a student's parent or guardian if the course in which a student is enrolled is not eligible for a systemwide transfer of college credit to another in-state postsecondary educational institution, as determined by the Board of Regents. The bill requires school districts to grant high school credit to concurrently or dually enrolled students who satisfactorily complete course work at a postsecondary institution.

In order to remain eligible for participation, the bill requires students to remain in good standing at the postsecondary institution in which they are enrolled or show satisfactory progress as determined by their school district.

Excel in CTE

The Kansas Challenge Act does not apply to technical education courses that are part of the Excel in Career Technical Education program (also known as 2012 SB 155 courses) administered by the Board of Regents. Through this program, Kansas high school students qualify for state-funded college tuition in approved technical courses offered by Kansas technical and community colleges.

INSTITUTIONS

The bill amends the definition of "accredited independent institution" in the Kansas Challenge Act to include only not-for-profit postsecondary institutions and to specify the institution must be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency.

DATA COLLECTION

In the Fall of 2021, the Board of Regents began the process of determining the data elements to be gathered from postsecondary institutions in order to fulfill the Board's obligation to report to the Legislature in February 2022. In this first year of the Act, this first report can cover only the Fall semester of 2021.

The Act requires each postsecondary institution that accepts students for concurrent or dual enrollment to submit a report to the Board, and that report must include, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) the number of students from each school district enrolled in the eligible postsecondary educational institution, including the number of students in the custody of the secretary for children and families;

- (2) the number of students who successfully complete the courses in which such students are enrolled at the eligible postsecondary educational institution;
- (3) the tuition rate charged for students compared to the tuition rate charged to individuals who are regularly enrolled and attending the eligible postsecondary educational institution; and
- (4) the amount and percentage of tuition each school district is paying pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3223, and amendments thereto.

In this first report, the students who will successfully complete their courses could not be reported, for lack of elapsed time. This will be included in subsequent reports.

There were some limitations on what the institutions were able to report with regard to how high school students' cost of attendance were financed. The information provided was assembled and is attached to this report.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CEP: A Concurrent Enrollment Partnership or CEP student refers to a person in grades 10, 11 or 12, or who is gifted and is in grade 9; has been admitted to an eligible postsecondary education institution as a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student; and is enrolled in college courses at a high school at which approved high school faculty teach college credit courses during the normal school day.

Dual-Enrolled Students: A high school student is considered to be dual enrolled who, in addition to taking a regular high school curriculum, is also enrolled in college level courses at a postsecondary institution.

KHEDS: Kansas Higher Education Data System. In response to the Kansas Higher Education Coordination Act, the Kansas Board of Regents developed the Kansas Postsecondary Database (KSPSD) to collect student data. KHEDS supports informed decision-making through the collection, analysis, and reporting of postsecondary education data in Kansas. KHEDS includes several collections including the Academic Year Collection, Fall Preliminary Enrollment Collection, Fall Census Day Collection (FA), and Follow up Collection (SU).

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Postsecondary Institutions Having Student Tuition Payments Originating from a High School District

	Headcount	Credit Hours	Total Tuition	Amount of Tuition Paid by District	Tuition Rate per Credit Hour	Rate Paid by District	Percent of Tuition Paid by District
State Universities							
Emporia State University	6	18	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$100	\$100	100.0%
University of Kansas	39	159	\$16,377	\$13,447	\$103	\$85	82.1%
State University Total	45	177	\$18,177	\$15,247	\$103	\$86	83.9%
Municipal University							
Washburn University	114	530	\$84,214	\$62,576	\$159	\$118	74.3%
Municipal University Total	114	530	\$84,214	\$62,576	\$159	\$118	74.3%
Community Colleges							
Allen Community College	61	624	\$37,440	\$11,120	\$60	\$18	29.7%
Butler Community College	20	105	\$10,150	\$5,173	\$97	\$49	51.0%
Cloud County Community College	103	485	\$37,596	\$15,093	\$78	\$31	40.1%
Cowley Community College	64	317	\$18,662	\$11,728	\$59	\$37	62.8%
Johnson County Community College	60	683	\$48,828	\$41,826	\$71	\$61	85.7%
Kansas City Kansas Community College	546	3,755	\$301,120	\$195,680	\$80	\$52	65.0%
Neosho County Community College	40	336	\$10,934	\$8,619	\$33	\$26	78.8%
Community College Total	894	6,305	\$464,730	\$289,239	\$74	\$46	62.2%
Technical Colleges							
Washburn Institute of Technology	25	322	\$48,149	\$8,071	\$150	\$25	16.8%
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	25	186	\$13,680	\$13,680	\$74	\$74	100.0%
Technical College Total	50	508	\$61,829	\$21,751	\$122	\$43	35.2%
Independent Institutions							
Benedictine College	67	309	\$30,900	\$30,900	\$100	\$100	100.0%
Friends University	89	708	\$35,400	\$35,400	\$50	\$50	100.0%
Independent Institution Total	156	1,017	\$66,300	\$66,300	\$65	\$65	100.0%
Institutions with participation, but participation is below five students							
Dodge City Community College	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Flint Hills Technical College	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Midamerica Nazarene University	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Total	7	22	\$1,605	\$1,605	\$73	\$73	100.0%
Grand Total	1,266	8,559	\$696,855	\$456,718	\$81	\$53	65.5%

Source: Fall Census Collection, KHEDS Academic Year Collection, Kansas Challenge Data Collection, IPEDS Institution Characteristics Survey

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Institutions not listed in the table affirmed they had no payments to students' accounts originating from high school districts or reported no high school enrollment.

Note: All Institutions reporting district payments affirmed no district payments were distributed to students in the custody of the Secretary for Children and Families.

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State Universities							
Emporia State University	50	6	177	18	\$100	\$100	\$100
Fort Hays State University	129	-	496	-	\$138	-	-
Kansas State University	71	-	354	-	\$314	-	-
Pittsburg State University	227	-	961	-	\$122	-	-
University of Kansas	274	39	1,133	159	\$104	\$103	\$85
Wichita State University	557	-	2,028	-	\$50	-	-
State University Total	1,308	45	5,149	177		\$103	\$86
Municipal University							
Washburn University	813	114	3,696	530	\$170	\$159	\$118
Municipal University Total	813	114	3,696	530		\$159	\$118



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Community Colleges							
Allen Community College	788	61	5,215	624	\$61	\$60	\$18
Barton Community College	506	-	2,744	-	\$182	-	-
Butler Community College	1,416	20	9,240	105	\$82	\$97	\$49
Cloud County Community College	692	103	3,436	485	\$79	\$78	\$31
Coffeyville Community College	353	-	2,774	-	\$43	-	-
Colby Community College	431	-	2,357	-	\$128	-	-
Cowley Community College	565	64	3,594	317	\$61	\$59	\$37
Fort Scott Community College	640	-	4,020	-	\$76	-	-
Garden City Community College	509	-	2,806	-	\$66	-	-
Highland Community College	1,123	-	6,720	-	\$109	-	-
Hutchinson Community College	1,767	-	9,591	-	\$106	-	-
Independence Community College	383	-	1,723	-	\$69	-	-
Johnson County Community College	4,142	60	24,347	683	\$81	\$71	\$61
Kansas City Kansas Community College	1,250	546	8,962	3,755	\$67	\$80	\$52
Labette Community College	605	-	3,771	-	\$55	-	-
Neosho County Community College	739	40	5,016	336	\$80	\$33	\$26
Pratt Community College	315	-	1,776	-	\$67	-	-
Seward County Community College	593	-	3,428	-	\$98	-	-
Community College Total	16,817	894	101,520	6,305		\$74	\$46



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Technical Colleges							
Manhattan Area Technical College	511	-	2,391	-	\$135	-	-
North Central Kansas Technical College	341	-	1,768	-	\$121	-	-
Northwest Kansas Technical College	295	-	2,357	-	\$99	-	-
Salina Area Technical College	567	-	3,329	-	\$78	-	-
Washburn Institute of Technology	635	25	7,471	322	\$147	\$150	\$25
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	2,325	25	13,452	186	\$75	\$74	\$74
Technical College Total	4,674	50	30,768	508		\$122	\$43
Independent Institutions							
Baker University	336	-	1,062	-	\$113 **	-	-
Barclay College	-	-	-	-	\$395	-	-
Benedictine College	94	67	387	309	\$200 **	\$100	\$100
Bethany College	44	-	138	-	\$600	-	-
Bethel College	-	-	-	-	\$1,110	-	-
Central Baptist Theological Seminary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central Christian College	43	-	250	-	\$65 **	-	-
Donnelly College	-	-	-	-	\$372	-	-
Friends University	199	89	1,114	708	\$70 **	\$50	\$50
Haskell Indian Nations University	-	-	-	-	\$0	-	-
Hesston College	4	-	15	-	\$100 **	-	-
Kansas Christian College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kansas Wesleyan University	-	-	-	-	\$300	-	-
Manhattan Christian College	-	-	-	-	\$695	-	-
McPherson College	5	-	24	-	\$590	-	-
Newman University	1,242	-	5,580	-	\$75 **	-	-
Ottawa University	-	-	-	-	\$1,220	-	-
Southwestern College	1	-	3	-	\$1,450	-	-
Sterling College	77	-	550	-	\$75 **	-	-
Tabor College	64	-	300	-	\$620	-	-
University Of St.Mary	67	-	213	-	\$100 **	-	-
Independent Institution Total	2,176	156	9,636	1,017		\$65	\$65



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Dodge City Community College	444	^	2,846	^	\$43	^	^
Flint Hills Technical College	997	^	4,296	^	\$90	^	^
Midamerica Nazarene University	162	^	942	^	\$1,145	^	^
Total	1,603	7	8,084	22		\$73	\$73
Grand Total	27,391	1,266	158,853	8,559		\$81	\$53

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*For Public Institutions, this is calculated based on institution submissions of high school tuition for CEP and dually enrolled students reported in KHEDS AY 2021. For Independent Institutions, unless otherwise noted, per credit hour charge for part-time undergraduate students as reported in the IPEDS Institutional Characteristics survey component.

**Independent institution publishes a special tuition rate for high school or dual credit students on their institutional websites and the links can be made available upon request.



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School Districts Making Tuition Payments to High School Students' Accounts for Postsecondary Attendance

School District Name	School District	Headcount	Credit Hours	Total Tuition	Amount of Tuition Paid by District	Tuition Rate per Credit Hour	Rate Paid by District	Percent of Tuition Paid by District
Arkansas City	D0470	64	317	\$18,662	\$11,728	\$59	\$37	63%
Basehor-Linwood	D0458	62	472	\$38,080	\$9,760	\$81	\$21	26%
Belleville	D0427	20	114	\$8,658	\$6,337	\$76	\$56	73%
Bishop Miege High School	D1212	54	270	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$100	\$100	100%
Bishop Ward High School	D1214	35	206	\$16,480	\$16,480	\$80	\$80	100%
Blue Valley	D0229	35	466	\$32,604	\$32,370	\$70	\$69	99%
Bonner Springs	D0204	71	325	\$25,920	\$19,840	\$80	\$61	77%
Chanute	D0413	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Chapman	D0473	22	136	\$10,608	\$2,312	\$78	\$17	22%
Clay Center	D0379	40	160	\$12,480	\$2,634	\$78	\$16	21%
Clifton-Clyde	D0224	9	33	\$2,574	\$1,706	\$78	\$52	66%
Dodge City	D0443	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Emporia	D0253	6	18	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$100	\$100	100%
Fowler	D0225	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Garnett	D0365	14	126	\$1,078	\$1,078	\$9	\$9	100%
Herington	D0487	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Heritage Christian School	D1246	8	103	\$6,180	\$2,450	\$60	\$24	40%
Iola	D0257	7	58	\$3,480	\$2,480	\$60	\$43	71%
Kansas City	D0500	350	2,447	\$196,240	\$145,280	\$80	\$59	74%
Lansing	D0469	7	74	\$5,920	\$560	\$80	\$8	9%
Lawrence	D0497	39	159	\$16,377	\$13,447	\$103	\$85	82%
Lyndon	D0421	^	^	^	^	^	^	^



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Madison-Virgil	D0386	20	105	\$10,150	\$5,173	\$97	\$49	51%
Maize	D0266	26	191	\$14,230	\$14,230	\$75	\$75	100%
Marais Des Cygnes	D0456	11	51	\$3,060	\$1,665	\$60	\$33	54%
Maur Hill-Mount Academy (Maur Hill Prep)	D1264	13	39	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$100	\$100	100%
Olathe	D0233	20	177	\$13,338	\$7,956	\$75	\$45	60%
Ottawa	D0290	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Paola	D0368	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Piper	D0203	10	101	\$8,080	\$1,360	\$80	\$13	17%
Republic County Schools	D0109	11	39	\$3,042	\$1,870	\$78	\$48	61%
Santa Fe	D0434	37	436	\$28,354	\$4,744	\$65	\$11	17%
Spring Hill	D0230	5	40	\$2,886	\$1,500	\$72	\$38	52%
Tonganoxie	D0464	7	76	\$10,080	\$951	\$133	\$13	9%
Topeka	D0501	130	729	\$113,738	\$67,563	\$156	\$93	59%
Turner	D0202	9	110	\$8,800	\$2,240	\$80	\$20	25%
Wellsville	D0289	21	179	\$14,365	\$8,480	\$80	\$47	59%
Wichita	D0259	89	708	\$35,400	\$35,400	\$50	\$50	100%
Grand Total		1,266	8,559	\$696,855	\$456,718	\$81	\$53	65.5%

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