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By Committee on Education

SENATE BILL No. 393

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AN ACT concerning the teacher service scholarship program; relating to the awarding of scholarships; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 74-32,102 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 74-32,102 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-32,102. (a) There is hereby established the teacher service scholarship program. A scholarship may be awarded under the teacher service scholarship program to any qualified student and may be renewed for each such student who remains qualified for the scholarship. The number of new scholarships awarded under the program in each year shall not exceed 50. Determination of the students qualified for such scholarships shall be made by the executive officer. Scholastic ability shall be determined on the basis of any one or more of the following: (1) High ACT or SAT score; (2) rank in high school graduation class; (3) cumulative high school or college grade point average; or (4) any other indicator of scholastic ability which the state board of regents determines to be demonstrative of potential for successful completion of a course of instruction leading to certification as a teacher. To the extent practicable and consistent with qualification factors, consideration shall be given to students who are members of ethnic minority groups.

A scholarship awarded under the program shall provide for payment to a qualified student of (1) an amount not to exceed 70% of the cost of attendance for an academic year at the teacher education school in which the qualified student is enrolled if such teacher education school is maintained by a state educational institution or (2) an amount not to exceed 70% of the average amount of the cost of attendance for an academic year at the teacher education schools maintained by the state educational institutions if the teacher education school in which the qualified student is enrolled is not a state educational institution. A qualified student may be awarded a scholarship for not more than four academic years of undergraduate study, except that a qualified student who is enrolled full time in a course of instruction leading to certification in a teaching discipline for which graduate study is required may be awarded a scholarship for the duration of the course of instruction.

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Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 74-32,102 is hereby repealed.Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.