

HOUSE BILL No. 2508

By Committee on Higher Education

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AN ACT relating to community colleges; concerning remedial course-work for graduates of Kansas public high schools; providing for a reimbursement plan.

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

Section 1. The purpose of this act is to further promote the initiatives of the federal No Child Left Behind program and to assist community colleges providing remedial classes needed in order for students to successfully pursue higher education studies. This act shall be applicable to students graduating from Kansas public high schools after May 1, 2005.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Remedial classes" means community college classes that are designed to compensate for deficiencies in the basic skills that a typical student acquires as a part of a high school student's education in the field of English, reading and mathematics.

(b) "Excess costs" means the difference between average cost per credit hour for a community college remedial course and the average cost per credit hour for a non-remedial course less the tuition paid per credit hour for a remedial class.

Sec. 3. The state board of education and the state board of regents shall jointly designate a competency examination applicable to remedial classes. In order for a community college to qualify for payments pursuant to section 4 and amendments thereto, a student taking a remedial class must pass the competency examination applicable to the remedial class taken.

Sec. 4. (a) Commencing in June of 2005, and each June thereafter, each community college providing remedial classes shall certify to the state board of education the following:

(1) The number of students and remedial class hours taken by students who pass a competency exam designated pursuant to section 3 and amendments thereto; and

(2) the amount of excess costs applicable to remedial classes reported pursuant to subsection (a)(1).

(b) There is hereby created in the state treasury the community college remedial education reimbursement fund. The state board of edu-

1 cation shall include in its budget request each year funding for payment
2 of excess costs certified pursuant to subsection (a).

3 (c) Subject to appropriations available therefor, the state board of
4 education shall pay community colleges the excess cost certified pursuant
5 to subsection (a). In the event appropriations are insufficient to cover all
6 such payments, the state board of education shall prorate the available
7 funds to the community colleges.

8 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
9 publication in the statute book.

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