AN ACT concerning the Kansas national guard educational assistance act; amending K.S.A. 74-32,146 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 74-32,146 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-32,146. As used in the Kansas national guard educational assistance act:

(a) "Kansas educational institution" means and includes area vocational schools, area vocational-technical schools, community colleges, the municipal university, state educational institutions, technical colleges, and accredited independent institutions.

(b) "Eligible guard member" means a newly enlisted or reenlisted member of the Kansas national guard who is a resident of Kansas, with not more than 15 20 years of service and who is enrolled at a Kansas educational institution. The term eligible guard member does not include within its meaning any member of the Kansas national guard who is the holder of a baccalaureate or higher academic degree, who does not hold a high school diploma or general educational development (GED) credentials, or who is entitled to federal educational benefits earned by membership in the Kansas national guard, except financial assistance under the federal education assistance program (FEAP) for members of the selected reserve.

(c) "Kansas national guard educational assistance program" or "program" means the program established pursuant to the provisions of the Kansas national guard educational assistance act.

(d) "Educational program" means a program which is offered and maintained by a Kansas educational institution and leads to the award of a certificate, diploma or degree upon satisfactory completion of course-work course work requirements.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-32,146 is hereby repealed.

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

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

SENATE concurred in HOUSE amendments _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE as amended.

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Approved ____

Governor.