HOUSE BILL No. 2863

By Representative Holland

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9 AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; providing certain tuition waivers for state employees.

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

Section 1. As used in this act:

- (a) "Postsecondary educational institution" means any Kansas public university, municipal university, community college, technical college and vocational education school, and includes any entity resulting from the consolidation or affiliation of any two or more of such postsecondary educational institutions.
 - (b) "State board" means the state board of regents.
- (c) "State employee" means any person in a full-time position in the classified or unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act, and any dependent of a state employee, as defined by K.S.A. 75-4364, and amendments thereto. The term "state employee" shall not include Kansas legislators or their dependents.
- Sec. 2. (a) Subject to the approval by a state employee's agency head, each postsecondary educational institution shall waive tuition and fees for state employees and their dependents to enroll for up to six credit hours per person per term on a space available basis.
- (b) Subject to appropriations therefor, any postsecondary educational institution which enrolls a state employee or dependent without charge of tuition or fees may file a claim with the state board for reimbursement of the amount of such tuition and fees. The state board shall include in its budget estimates pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3717, and amendments thereto, a request for appropriations to cover tuition and fee claims pursuant to this section. The state board shall be responsible for payment of reimbursements to postsecondary educational institutions upon certification by each such institution of the amount of reimbursement to which it is entitled. Payments to such educational institutions shall be made upon vouchers approved by the state board and upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports. Payments may be made by issuance of a single warrant to each educational institution at which one or more state employees or dependents are enrolled for the total amount of tuition and fees not charged for enrollment at that institution. The director of ac-

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counts and reports shall cause such warrant to be delivered to the educational institution at which any such state employees or dependents are enrolled. If a state employee or dependent discontinues attendance before the end of any semester, after the educational institution has received payment under this subsection, the institution shall pay to the state the entire amount which such state employee or dependent would otherwise qualify to have refunded, not to exceed the amount of the payment made by the state. All amounts paid to the state by educational institutions under this subsection shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state general fund.

- (c) The state board may adopt rules and regulations for administration of the provisions of this section.
- 13 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.