HOUSE BILL No. 2980

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT relating to purchases and payments by certain state educational institutions; providing for a pilot project relating thereto.

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

Section 1. (a) With regard to the acquisition of supplies, materials, equipment, goods, property, articles, products or services and the paying of payroll and other payments, a pilot project shall be conducted by the state board of regents in accordance with the provisions of this section. The board shall select two state educational institutions, as defined by K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, to be the pilot universities. During the period from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2009:

- (1) The acquisition of any supplies, materials, equipment, goods, property or services for the pilot universities shall be in accordance with policies adopted by the state board of regents and no such acquisition during such period shall be subject to any statewide purchasing contract or other contract that is entered into under the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3737a through 75-3744 and amendments thereto or any rules and regulations or policies adopted thereunder and that requires any state agency to make any such acquisition under any such contract, but nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the pilot universities from using contracts established by the director of purchases;
- (2) the acquisition of any travel services for the pilot universities shall be in accordance with policies adopted by the state board of regents and no such acquisition during such period shall be subject to any statewide travel services contract or other travel services contract that is entered into under the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3737a through 75-3744 and amendments thereto or any rules and regulations or policies adopted thereunder and that requires any state agency to acquire travel services under any such contract;
- (3) the acquisition of any articles or products produced by inmates in the custody of the secretary of corrections that may be required for the pilot universities shall be in accordance with policies adopted by the state board of regents and no such acquisition during such period shall be subject to the provisions of the prison-made goods act of Kansas requiring any such acquisition to be made from the secretary of corrections as

provided in K.S.A. 75-5273 through 75-5282 and amendments thereto, or any rules and regulations or policies adopted thereunder; and

- (4) the pilot universities may elect to carry out their own payroll and check or state warrant writing functions and the state treasurer and director of accounts and reports shall cooperate with the pilot universities in federal reporting and other fiscal procedures relating thereto.
- (b) The state board of regents shall submit a report to the legislature at the beginning of the regular session in 2008 and 2009 regarding the activities of the pilot universities under the provisions of subsection (a). Each such report shall include any new or amended policies adopted by the state board of regents for implementation of such activities, the amounts and kinds of expenditures by the pilot universities for activities under each paragraph of subsection (a), and shall include information regarding any savings experienced and any issues or problems encountered for all such acquisitions for the pilot universities under the provisions of subsection (a).
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.