

## HOUSE BILL No. 2552

By Committee on Appropriations

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9 AN ACT concerning technical education; establishing the postsecondary  
10 technical education authority; relating to the powers and duties  
11 thereof.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the postsecondary tech-  
15 nical education authority. The authority shall be composed of nine mem-  
16 bers appointed by the governor. Except as provided in subsection (b) for  
17 the first members appointed to the authority, each member of the au-  
18 thority shall hold office for a term of four years, and until a successor is  
19 appointed and qualified. Terms of members shall expire on June 30.

20 (b) (1) Three members of the authority shall be members of the state  
21 board of regents. Six members shall be representatives of the general  
22 public. When making appointments of members of the general public,  
23 the governor shall give consideration to persons who are recognized for  
24 their knowledge or expertise and are representative of current and emerg-  
25 ing technical career clusters of the state. No more than two members of  
26 the authority shall be representative of any one specific technical career  
27 cluster. Of the general public members, there shall be appointed at least  
28 one member from each congressional district. Redistricting of congres-  
29 sional districts occurring subsequent to a member's appointment shall not  
30 disqualify any member of the authority from service for the remainder of  
31 the member's term of office.

32 (2) No more than five members of the authority shall be members of  
33 the same political party.

34 (3) The first members of the authority shall be appointed by the gov-  
35 ernor on or before July 1, 2007. Of such members, three shall have a  
36 term of office of four years, three shall have a term of office of three  
37 years, and three shall have a term of office of two years.

38 (4) Any vacancy in the membership of the authority occurring prior  
39 to the expiration of a term shall be filled by appointment in the same  
40 manner as provided for original appointment of the member.

41 (c) The members of the authority shall meet and organize annually  
42 by electing one member as chairperson, except that the governor shall  
43 designate the first chairperson of the authority from among the first mem-

1   bers appointed.

2       (d) The authority may meet at any time and at any place within the  
3 state on the call of the chairperson. A quorum of the authority shall be  
4 five members. All actions of the authority shall be by motion adopted by  
5 a majority of those voting members present when there is a quorum.

6       (e) Members of the authority attending meetings of the authority, or  
7 attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the authority,  
8 shall be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other  
9 expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, for  
10 members of the legislature.

11   Sec. 2. (a) The postsecondary technical education authority shall:

12       (1) Have delegated authority from the board of regents to coordinate  
13 state-wide planning for postsecondary technical education, new postse-  
14 condary technical education programs and contract training. Such plan-  
15 ning shall be conducted in coordination with federal agencies, the state  
16 board of education and other state agencies and Kansas business and  
17 industry;

18       (2) recommend for adoption by the state board of regents rules and  
19 regulations for the supervision of postsecondary technical education;

20       (3) review existing and proposed postsecondary technical educational  
21 programs and program locations and make recommendations to the state  
22 board of regents for approval or disapproval of such programs for state  
23 funding purposes;

24       (4) review requests of state funding for postsecondary technical ed-  
25 ucation and make recommendations to the state board of regents for  
26 amounts of state funding and the distribution thereof;

27       (5) develop benchmarks and accountability indicators of programs to  
28 be utilized in the awarding of state funding and make recommendations  
29 relating thereto to the state board of regents;

30       (6) develop and advocate annually a policy agenda for postsecondary  
31 technical education;

32       (7) conduct continuous studies of ways to maximize the utilization of  
33 resources available for postsecondary technical education and make rec-  
34 ommendations for improvement in the use of such resources to the state  
35 board of regents;

36       (8) conduct studies to develop strategies and programs for meeting  
37 needs of business and industry and make recommendations relating  
38 thereto to the state board of regents;

39       (9) make reports on the performance of its functions and duties to-  
40 gether with any proposals and recommendations it may formulate with  
41 respect thereto to the state board of regents and the legislature; and

42       (10) coordinate the development of a seamless system for the delivery  
43 of technical education between the secondary-school level and the pos-

1 tsecondary-school level.

2 (b) Recommendations adopted by the authority pursuant to subsec-  
3 tion (a) shall be implemented by the state board of regents at regular  
4 meetings. Non-adoption of recommendations of the authority recom-  
5 mendations shall require a two-thirds majority vote of all members of the  
6 state board of regents.

7 (c) The provisions of this subsection shall be subject to the limitations  
8 of appropriations. The postsecondary technical educational authority shall  
9 appoint an executive director of the authority. The executive director shall  
10 not be a member of the authority.

11 Sec. 3. Within the limitations of appropriations therefor, the state  
12 board of regents shall provide staff, facilities and other assistance as may  
13 be requested by the postsecondary technical education authority.

14 Sec. 4. (a) On or before July 1, 2008, the governing bodies of the  
15 north central Kansas technical college, Kansas City area technical school,  
16 Kaw area technical school, Salina area technical school and southwest  
17 Kansas technical school shall submit a plan to merge or affiliate with a  
18 postsecondary educational institution or become an accredited technical  
19 college with an independent governing board.

20 (b) As used in this section:

21 (1) "Postsecondary educational institution" means a technical college,  
22 community college, municipal university or a state educational institution.

23 (2) "Technical college", "community college", "municipal university"  
24 and "state educational institution" have the meanings ascribed thereto by  
25 K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.

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