

SENATE BILL No. 22

By Legislative Educational Planning Committee

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10 AN ACT concerning postsecondary educational institutions; establishing
11 the teacher education competitive grant program; relating to the ad-
12 ministration thereof.

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

15 Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

16 (1) "Board" means the state board of regents.

17 (2) "Institution" means a state educational institution as defined by
18 K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, and Washburn University.

19 (3) "Program" means the teacher education ~~matching~~ **competitive**
20 grant program established by this section.

21 (4) "Hard-to-fill teaching discipline" means a teaching discipline in
22 which there is a critical shortage of teachers as determined and specified
23 by the state board of education.

24 (5) "Underserved area" means a geographic area of the state in which
25 there is a critical shortage of teachers as determined by the state board
26 of education.

27 (6) "Teacher education program" means a program specifically tar-
28 geted at increasing the number of students who complete a course of
29 instruction leading to licensure as a teacher in a hard-to-fill teaching dis-
30 cipline or who agree to teach in an underserved area.

31 (b) There is hereby established the teacher education competitive
32 grant program. Subject to the limitations of appropriations therefor, any
33 institution which desires to establish or expand a teacher education pro-
34 gram may submit an application for a competitive grant of moneys in an
35 amount to be determined by the board for the purpose of paying the costs
36 of establishing or expanding a teacher education program and any oper-
37 ating expenses related thereto. Grants shall be matched on the basis of
38 \$2 from the teacher education grant program for \$1 from the institution
39 receiving the grant. Grant moneys may be expended for creation of new
40 teacher education programs or the expansion of existing teacher educa-
41 tion programs provided by an institution.

42 (c) In order to be eligible for a grant under this section, the institution
43 shall submit to the board an application for a grant. The application shall

1 be prepared in such form and manner as required by the board and shall
2 be submitted at a time to be determined and specified by the board.

3 (d) The board shall establish standards and criteria for reviewing,
4 evaluating and approving applications for grants submitted pursuant to
5 this section. All grants shall be awarded by the board in accordance with
6 the standards and criteria established by the board. Within the limitations
7 of appropriations therefor, the state board shall determine the amount
8 and number of grants and be responsible for payment of grants to
9 institutions.

10 (e) Each institution which is awarded a grant under this section shall
11 make such periodic and special reports of statistical and financial infor-
12 mation to the board as it may request.

13 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
14 publication in the statute book.