

HOUSE BILL No. 2615

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning schools; relating to the Kansas academy of
2 mathematics and science program; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 72-
3 9712 and 72-9713 and repealing the existing sections.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 72-9712 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 72-9712. (a) The state board of regents shall adopt any rules and
8 regulations necessary for the administration of the provisions of this act
9 and, subject to appropriations therefore, shall:

10 (1) Provide for establishment and operation of ~~the one or more~~ Kansas
11 academy of mathematics and science ~~program by a program by one or~~
12 ~~more~~ postsecondary educational ~~institution~~ *institutions* designated by the
13 board;

14 (2) establish guidelines and procedures for operation of KAMS and
15 for selection of academically talented pupils who apply for admission to
16 KAMS;

17 (3) prescribe the curriculum of KAMS, including coursework in
18 mathematics through calculus II, chemistry, biology, physics, computer
19 science, English and history. The course of study for KAMS pupils shall
20 be subject to the approval of the state board of education and shall be
21 designed to meet both the high school graduation requirements and the
22 requirements for an associate of arts or an associate of science degree. The
23 state assessment scores of academically talented pupils in KAMS shall be
24 included in the state assessment scores of the school district which such
25 pupil last attended but nothing herein shall preclude the use of such
26 assessments by KAMS. Solely for the purpose of admission to KAMS, an
27 academically talented pupil shall not be required to comply with the
28 requirements of K.S.A. 76-717, and amendments thereto; and

29 (4) establish tuition and fees for academically talented pupils
30 attending ~~the~~ KAMS program. For academically talented pupils who are
31 enrolled in a Kansas school district, such tuition and fees, other than those
32 fees which are regularly charged to high school pupils, shall be paid by the
33 school district where such pupil is enrolled but shall not exceed an amount
34 equal to base state aid per pupil. All academically talented pupils shall be
35 responsible for the payment of any fees regularly charged to other pupils
36 enrolled in high school. Tuition and fees charged to pupils who are not

1 enrolled in a Kansas school district may exceed the amount charged to
2 pupils who are enrolled in a Kansas school district. Academically talented
3 pupils who are not enrolled in a Kansas school district shall be responsible
4 for the payment of all tuition and fees.

5 (b) The guidelines and procedures for the operation of KAMS shall
6 address:

7 (1) Selection and admission of academically talented pupils on the
8 basis of mathematics or science career interests, standardized tests scores,
9 transcripts, teacher evaluations, essays, family commitment, personal
10 interviews and other such factors as the board identifies;

11 (2) selection of faculty and faculty qualifications;

12 (3) research, laboratory and field trip activities;

13 (4) extracurricular activities;

14 (5) college and career counseling services;

15 (6) college credit to be awarded;

16 (7) preparation and utilization of manuals to be provided to high
17 school counselors for use in advising academically talented pupils;

18 (8) computers and software needed;

19 (9) ways and means of encouraging and facilitating parental
20 involvement in KAMS; and

21 (10) manner and method of publicizing KAMS and acquainting
22 academically talented pupils and their parents with the benefits to be
23 gained by attending KAMS.

24 (c) The procedure for selecting academically talented pupils for
25 admission to *a KAMS program* shall provide for admission of 20
26 academically talented pupils selected on a congressional district basis with
27 no more than five pupils from each of the four congressional districts and
28 20 other academically talented pupils selected on a statewide basis. If there
29 are fewer than five academically talented pupils who apply for admission
30 to *a KAMS* from any one of the four congressional districts, academically
31 talented pupils applying from the other Kansas congressional districts may
32 be substituted therefore, but congressional district balance shall be
33 maintained to the extent possible. The board of regents shall have the
34 authority to expand the number of academically talented pupils and to
35 authorize admission of nonresident academically talented pupils and
36 international academically talented pupils as well as additional Kansas
37 residents. Any such expansion of the number of Kansas residents pupils
38 shall maintain the same proportions as provided above for congressional
39 districts and selections on a statewide basis. At least three-fourths of the
40 total number of academically talented pupils enrolled in KAMS shall be
41 Kansas residents. The selection criteria and programs for KAMS may
42 include advance placement courses offered over the KAN-ED network for
43 pupils in grades *9* through 12.

1 Admittance to KAMS shall be determined solely pursuant to rules and
2 regulations of the state board of regents. Nothing in this section shall be
3 construed to require the admittance of a gifted pupil to KAMS or the
4 inclusion of KAMS admittance as a part of a gifted pupil's IEP.

5 (d) The board shall have authority to aid regent institutions in
6 developing short-term summer academies and shall include in its budget
7 request funds for operating such academies. The governor shall include
8 funding therefor in the governor's budget report. Such summer academies
9 may be residential or use the KAN-ED system.

10 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 72-9713 is hereby amended to read as
11 follows: 72-9713. If ~~the program~~ *KAMS program* is structured as a
12 residential program, academically talented pupils shall be responsible for
13 room and board charges. Academically talented pupils who demonstrate
14 financial need may be provided room and board without charge.

15 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 72-9712 and 72-9713 are hereby repealed.

16 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the Kansas register.
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