

HOUSE BILL No. 2745

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 AN ACT concerning the board of regents; relating to funding for remedial
2 courses provided by state educational institutions; relating to
3 exceptions to the qualified admissions standards; amending K.S.A.
4 2011 Supp. 76-717 and repealing the existing section.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 New Section 1. (a) No funds appropriated from the state general
8 fund for any state educational institution shall be expended for the
9 purposes of providing remedial courses.

10 (b) The board of regents, in its budget estimate filed pursuant to
11 K.S.A. 75-3717, and amendments thereto, shall not include any
12 appropriation requests for expenditures related to the provision of remedial
13 courses at state educational institutions.

14 (c) As used in this section:

15 (1) The terms "board of regents" and "state educational institution"
16 shall have the same meanings, respectively, as such terms are defined in
17 K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.

18 (2) "Remedial course" means any course offered by a state
19 educational institution in the area of mathematics or language arts, which
20 includes expenditures for formally organized or separately budgeted
21 instructional activities that give students the basic knowledge and skills
22 required by the institution before they can undertake formal academic
23 course work leading to a postsecondary degree or certificate.

24 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 76-717 is hereby amended to read as
25 follows: 76-717. (a) The board of regents may adopt rules and regulations
26 for the admission of students at the state educational institutions. Except as
27 provided by subsection (f), the rules and regulations shall include the
28 following:

29 (1) Each Kansas resident who has graduated from an accredited
30 Kansas high school and who is seeking admission to a state educational
31 institution shall be admitted if the applicant for admission has achieved at
32 least one of the following:

33 (A) The applicant has completed the precollege curriculum prescribed
34 by the board of regents with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a
35 4.0 scale or has been recognized by the board of regents as having attained
36 a functionally equivalent level of education; or

1 (B) the applicant has a composite American college testing program
2 (ACT) score of not less than 21 points; or

3 (C) the applicant ranks in the top $\frac{1}{3}$ of the applicant's high school
4 class upon completion of seven or eight semesters.

5 (2) Each Kansas resident who has graduated from a non-accredited
6 private secondary school, as defined in K.S.A. 72-53,100, and
7 amendments thereto, and who is seeking admission to a state educational
8 institution shall be admitted if the applicant for admission has a composite
9 American college testing program (ACT) score of not less than 21 points.

10 (3) Admission to all state educational institutions shall be granted to
11 each Kansas resident under 21 years of age who has earned the general
12 educational development (GED) certificate with an overall score of not
13 less than 50 points.

14 (4) Admission to all state educational institutions shall remain open
15 for each Kansas resident who is 21 years of age or older and who has:

16 (A) Graduated from an accredited Kansas high school or a non-
17 accredited private secondary school; or

18 (B) earned the general educational development (GED) certificate
19 with an overall score of not less than 50 points.

20 (5) Each state educational institution shall establish and maintain a
21 policy permitting the admission of not more than ~~10%~~ 5% of the total
22 number of freshman class admissions to the state educational institution as
23 exceptions to the minimum admissions standards prescribed by this
24 section. These exceptions shall only be applied to students who are *bona*
25 *fide* residents of Kansas in accordance with rules and regulations of the
26 board of regents and which rules and regulations are substantially similar
27 to law, rule or regulation relative to the determination of resident status for
28 tuition purposes. The board of regents shall adopt rules and regulations
29 prescribing criteria and guidelines to be applied on a system-wide basis to
30 policies established by the state educational institutions for the purpose of
31 permitting freshman class admissions to the institutions as exceptions to
32 the minimum admissions standards prescribed by this section. On or
33 before January 31 of each year, the board of regents shall submit a report
34 to the legislature containing the number and percentage of freshman class
35 admissions permitted as exceptions to such standards during the preceding
36 academic year. The information contained in the annual report shall be
37 disaggregated by institution.

38 (6) Each Kansas resident who has earned at least 24 credit hours of
39 transferable course work with a cumulative grade point average of not less
40 than 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at an accredited community college, university or
41 other college shall be admitted as a transfer student to the state educational
42 institutions. Each state educational institution may permit the admission of
43 not more than ~~10%~~ 5% of the total number of such resident transfer

1 admissions to the state educational institution as exceptions to the
2 minimum admission standards prescribed by this paragraph. The board of
3 regents shall adopt rules and regulations prescribing criteria and guidelines
4 to be applied on a system-wide basis for the purpose of admitting students
5 who have earned at least 24 credit hours of transferable course work to
6 state educational institutions as exceptions to the minimum standards
7 prescribed by this paragraph. On or before January 31 of each year, the
8 board of regents shall submit a report to the legislature containing the
9 number and percentage of transfer student admissions permitted as
10 exceptions to such standards during the preceding academic year. The
11 information contained in the report shall be disaggregated by institution.

12 (7) Each person who is not a resident of Kansas and who has
13 graduated from an accredited high school may be admitted as a freshman
14 to any of the state educational institutions if the person has achieved at
15 least one of the following:

16 (A) The person has completed the precollege curriculum prescribed
17 by the board of regents with a minimum grade point average of 2.50 on a
18 4.0 scale or has been recognized by the board of regents as having attained
19 a functionally equivalent level of education; or

20 (B) the person has a composite American college testing program
21 (ACT) score of not less than 21 points; or

22 (C) the person ranks in the top $\frac{1}{3}$ of the person's high school class
23 upon completion of seven or eight semesters.

24 (8) Each person who is not a resident of Kansas and who has
25 graduated from a non-accredited private secondary school meeting
26 requirements substantially equivalent to K.S.A. 72-53,100 through 72-
27 53,102, and amendments thereto, may be admitted to any state educational
28 institution if the person has a composite American college testing program
29 (ACT) score of not less than 21 points.

30 (9) Each person who is not a resident of Kansas and who has earned
31 at least 24 credit hours of transferable course work with a cumulative
32 grade point average of not less than 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at an accredited
33 community college, university or other college may be admitted as a
34 transfer student to any of the state educational institutions. Each state
35 educational institution may permit the admission of not more than ~~10%~~
36 ~~5%~~ of the total number of such non-resident transfer admissions to the
37 state educational institution as exceptions to the minimum admission
38 standards prescribed by this paragraph. The board of regents shall adopt
39 rules and regulations prescribing criteria and guidelines to be applied on a
40 system-wide basis for the purpose of admitting students who have earned
41 at least 24 credit hours of transferable course work to state educational
42 institutions as exceptions to the minimum standards prescribed by this
43 paragraph. On or before January 31 of each year, the board of regents shall

1 submit a report to the legislature containing the number and percentage of
2 transfer student admissions permitted as exceptions to such standards
3 during the preceding academic year. The information contained in the
4 report shall be disaggregated by institution.

5 (b) The board of regents may prescribe a precollege curriculum which
6 includes, but need not be limited to, four units of English, three units of
7 mathematics, three units of social studies and three units of natural
8 science.

9 (c) When a Kansas high school is organized in a manner that provides
10 for documentation of a student's performance in terms other than units of
11 credit or grade point averages, or both, the board of regents shall
12 determine for the students of such school a level of education that is
13 functionally equivalent to the completion of the precollege curriculum
14 with the required grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The determination of
15 a functionally equivalent level of education required under this subsection
16 shall be made by the board of regents after consultation with the state
17 board of education and the board of education or other governing authority
18 having jurisdiction over the students of the affected school.

19 (d) The board of regents shall determine a level of education that is
20 functionally equivalent to the completion of the precollege curriculum
21 with the required grade point average on a 4.0 scale for persons who are
22 not residents of Kansas.

23 (e) The board of regents may authorize the chief executive officer of
24 each state educational institution to adopt additional rules and policies
25 relating to admissions of students so long as such rules and policies are not
26 in conflict with the provisions of this section.

27 (f) The board of regents may adopt rules and regulations establishing
28 standards for the admission of students to state educational institutions that
29 differ from the standards set forth in subsection (a). Rules and regulations
30 adopted pursuant to this subsection that are more rigorous than those set
31 forth in subsection (a) shall not be effective prior to the first day of the
32 fourth academic year following the year in which the rules and regulations
33 are adopted.

34 (g) Information in reports required to be compiled and submitted to
35 the legislature by this section may be compiled and submitted to the
36 legislature in a single report.

37 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 76-717 is hereby repealed.

38 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
39 publication in the statute book.

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