

SENATE BILL No. 451

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; authorizing the merger and
2 consolidation of Wichita state university and Wichita area technical
3 college; amending K.S.A. 72-4472 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 71-1802,
4 71-1803, 71-1808, 72-4417, 72-4440, 72-4466, 72-4480 and 72-4490
5 and repealing the existing sections.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 New Section 1. (a) The Wichita area technical college, authorized and
9 designated as a technical college pursuant to K.S.A. 72-4472, prior to its
10 expiration, with a governing board established pursuant to K.S.A. 72-
11 4470a, and amendments thereto, hereby is merged and consolidated with
12 and made part of Wichita state university and the institutional
13 infrastructure of the college hereby is officially designated as the Wichita
14 state university school of technology and applied science. Except as
15 otherwise provided herein, the Wichita state university school of
16 technology and applied science shall be governed by and operated as a
17 school within Wichita state university.

18 (b) The governing board of the Wichita area technical college,
19 established pursuant to K.S.A. 72-4470a, and amendments thereto, shall
20 become the industry advisory board to the president of Wichita state
21 university for the Wichita state university school of technology and
22 applied science and all the powers granted to the governing board of any
23 technical college by law shall be transferred to Wichita state university
24 subject to the rules and regulations and supervision of the board of regents.
25 The president of Wichita state university shall appoint the members of the
26 industry advisory board.

27 (c) The Wichita state university school of technology and applied
28 science shall provide education and training, applied research and engaged
29 service to enhance the business and economic competitiveness of Kansas.
30 The Wichita state university school of technology and applied science
31 shall offer programs that focus on critical areas of regional
32 competitiveness, including credential and degree programs ranging from a
33 general educational development (GED) credential to a doctoral degree.
34 The industry advisory board shall review non-credit and credit programs
35 with the president, provost, school dean or executive director and other
36 senior staff of the school to ensure that such programs are aligned with the

1 current and emerging needs of industry for an educated and trained
2 workforce, and shall provide input into changes in each advisory board
3 member's industry sector that affect academic programs.

4 (d) Subject to K.S.A. 72-4418, and amendments thereto, persons
5 from outside the state who are admitted by Wichita state university to
6 career technical education courses or programs shall be admitted upon
7 payment of tuition and fees, which shall be consistent with policies
8 approved by the board of regents and shall, to the extent feasible, reflect
9 the purposes and mission of the Wichita state university school of
10 technology and applied science as a critical supplier of workforce
11 education and training. Persons seeking a non-technical certificate,
12 bachelors, masters or doctorate degree shall be subject to standard rules,
13 regulations and supervision of Wichita state university and the state board
14 of regents, including the setting of tuition and fees.

15 (e) The Wichita state university school of technology and applied
16 science shall be eligible for such funding as is available to technical
17 colleges to the extent provided by law.

18 (f) Whenever the Wichita area technical college, or words of like
19 effect, is referred to or designated by any statute, contract or other
20 document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the
21 Wichita state university school of technology and applied science.

22 (g) The merger effected by this section shall not affect any contract,
23 agreement or assurance in effect on the effective date of this section. All
24 lawful debts of the Wichita area technical college shall be assumed and
25 paid by Wichita state university.

26 (h) Subject to authorization by the state board of regents, all
27 personnel of the Wichita area technical college, who are necessary, in the
28 opinion of the president of Wichita state university, to the operation of the
29 Wichita state university school of technology and applied science, shall
30 become personnel of Wichita state university. All such personnel shall
31 retain all retirement benefits and all rights of employment which had
32 accrued to or vested in such personnel prior to the merger effected by this
33 section. The employment of such personnel shall be deemed to have been
34 uninterrupted.

35 (i) No suit, action or other proceeding, judicial or administrative,
36 lawfully commenced, or which could have been commenced, by or against
37 the Wichita area technical college, or by or against any personnel of the
38 Wichita area technical college, shall abate by reason of the merger effected
39 by this section. Any such suit, action or other proceeding may be allowed
40 to be maintained by or against Wichita state university. No criminal action
41 commenced or which could have been commenced by the Wichita area
42 technical college shall abate by reason of the merger effected by this
43 section.

1 (j) The provisions of this section shall be effective from and after the
2 date on which the merger described in subsection (a) is approved by the
3 higher learning commission of the north central association of colleges and
4 schools.

5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 71-1802 is hereby amended to read as
6 follows: 71-1802. As used in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 71-1801 through 71-
7 1810, and amendments thereto:

8 (a) "Community college" means any community college established
9 in accordance with chapter 71 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and*
10 *amendments thereto*.

11 (b) "Community college operating grant" means the operating grant
12 provided for under ~~subsection (a) of~~ K.S.A. 71-620(a), and amendments
13 thereto, prior to fiscal year 2012.

14 (c) (1) "Credit hour" means the basic unit of collegiate level
15 instruction, as determined by the state board, in a subject or course offered
16 by an eligible institution at a postsecondary level not higher than those
17 programs or courses normally offered to freshmen and sophomores in
18 four-year public institutions of postsecondary education, in a program that
19 has been approved by the state board.

20 (2) The term "credit hour" does not include instruction in a program
21 or course taken by a student enrolled for audit or not for postsecondary
22 credit, or in any program or course not approved by the state board.

23 (3) The state board shall determine whether the programs and courses
24 offered are at the level of freshmen and sophomore programs and courses
25 offered in the state educational institutions and shall not approve for
26 funding any program or course offered at a higher level.

27 (d) "Eligible institution" or "institution" means any community
28 college, technical college ~~or~~ the institute of technology *or any entity*
29 *resulting from the merger or consolidation of any community college,*
30 *technical college or institute with a state educational institution.*

31 (e) "Institute of technology," "institute" or "Washburn institute of
32 technology" means the institute of technology at Washburn university.

33 (f) "Non-tiered course" means any postsecondary credit-bearing
34 course offered by an eligible institution and identified by the state board as
35 not meeting the definition of a tiered technical course. Non-tiered courses
36 include courses that are generally designed to: (1) Contribute to academic
37 knowledge or skills across multiple disciplines and occupations, such as
38 communication, writing, mathematics, humanities, social or behavioral
39 science and natural or physical science courses, some of which may be
40 considered for transfer as general education credit toward a baccalaureate
41 degree; (2) contribute to general knowledge or skills in areas such as
42 critical thinking and reasoning, problem solving, use of technology and
43 teamwork skills; (3) provide instruction in basic or foundational skills

1 necessary for individuals to effectively participate in technical programs;
 2 (4) prepare individuals for certification or licensure exams or re-
 3 certifications and skill updates; or (5) allow individuals to explore various
 4 career opportunities. Seminars, workshops or other courses that are
 5 supplemental to the primary instruction required for the occupationally
 6 specific technical program shall be considered non-tiered courses, unless
 7 otherwise specified by the state board.

8 (g) "State board of regents" or "state board" means the state board of
 9 regents provided for in the constitution of this state and established by
 10 K.S.A. 74-3202a, and amendments thereto.

11 (h) *"State educational institution" shall have the same meaning as*
 12 *that term is defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.*

13 (h) (i) "Technical college" means a technical college designated
 14 pursuant to K.S.A. 72-4472, 72-4473, 72-4474, 72-4475, 72-4477 or 72-
 15 4477a, and amendments thereto.

16 (h) (j) "Technical program" means any program of study comprised of
 17 a sequence of tiered technical courses and non-tiered courses, which
 18 program is identified by the state board as a technical program for funding
 19 purposes. Technical programs must: (1) Be designed to prepare individuals
 20 for gainful employment in current or emerging technical occupations
 21 requiring other than a baccalaureate or advanced degree; (2) lead to
 22 technical skill proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate
 23 or an associate degree; and (3) be delivered by an eligible institution.

24 (h) (k) "Tiered technical course" means a postsecondary credit-bearing
 25 course included in the sequence of courses comprising a technical
 26 program, which course is itself designed to provide competency-based
 27 applied instruction to prepare individuals with occupationally specific
 28 knowledge and skills necessary for employment, and which the state board
 29 has identified as a tiered technical course.

30 (h) (l) "Tiered technical course credit hour" means a credit hour in a
 31 tiered technical course.

32 (h) (m) "Washburn institute of technology operating grant" means any
 33 legislative appropriation designated for non-tiered courses delivered by the
 34 Washburn institute of technology.

35 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 71-1803 is hereby amended to read as
 36 follows: 71-1803. (a) In each fiscal year, commencing with the 2012 fiscal
 37 year, each ~~community college, technical college and the Washburn~~
 38 ~~institute of technology~~ *institution* that is eligible for postsecondary tiered
 39 technical education state aid from the state general fund for postsecondary
 40 tiered technical course credit hours approved by the state board and
 41 delivered by the institution to students who are residents of the state of
 42 Kansas, in an amount to be determined by the state board using a credit
 43 hour cost calculation model that: (1) Is tiered to recognize and support cost

1 differentials in providing high-demand, high-tech training; (2) takes into
2 consideration target industries critical to the Kansas economy; (3) is
3 responsive to program growth; (4) takes into consideration local taxing
4 authority for credit hours generated by in-district students; and (5) includes
5 other factors and considerations as deemed necessary or advisable by the
6 state board. The state board shall establish the rates to be used as the state's
7 share in a given year, as well as in the actual distribution.

8 (b) For purposes of K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 72-1801 through 71-1810, and
9 amendments thereto, residency for all community college students shall be
10 determined in accordance with K.S.A. 71-406 and 71-407, and
11 amendments thereto, and residency for all ~~technical college and Washburn~~
12 ~~institute of technology~~ students *at other eligible institutions* shall be
13 determined in accordance with laws or policies applicable to those
14 institutions.

15 ~~(c) In fiscal year 2012, any portion of the appropriation for~~
16 ~~postsecondary tiered technical education state aid that an institution~~
17 ~~actually receives that is in excess of the amount of community college~~
18 ~~operating grant or postsecondary aid that the institution received for fiscal~~
19 ~~year 2011 shall be considered new state funds for purposes of K.S.A. 74-~~
20 ~~3202d, and amendments thereto.~~

21 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 71-1808 is hereby amended to read as
22 follows: 71-1808. (a) There is hereby established a postsecondary
23 technical education fund in each community college and at Washburn
24 university for the Washburn institute of technology. All moneys received
25 by a community college or for the institute of technology for establishing,
26 conducting, maintaining and administering any technical program shall be
27 deposited in the postsecondary technical education fund, unless required
28 by federal or state law to be deposited in the institution's general fund. The
29 expenses of a community college or the institute of technology that are
30 attributable to career technical education shall be paid from the
31 postsecondary technical education fund.

32 (b) There is hereby established a general operating fund in each
33 technical college budget. All moneys received by a technical college for
34 delivering tiered technical course credit hours and non-tiered course credit
35 hours shall be deposited in the general operating fund of the college. The
36 expenses of a technical college that are attributable to career technical
37 education shall be accounted for separately from the expenses of the
38 college that are not attributable to career technical education.

39 (c) *For any eligible institution that is not subject to the provisions of*
40 *subsection (a) or (b), all moneys received by such institution for*
41 *establishing, conducting, maintaining and administering any technical*
42 *program shall be deposited in the general operating fund for such*
43 *institution. The expenses of such institution that are attributable to career*

1 *technical education shall be paid from the general operating fund of such*
2 *institution.*

3 ~~(e) (d) Community colleges, technical colleges and the Washburn~~
4 ~~institute of technology~~ *Eligible institutions* shall maintain fund accounting
5 procedures as may be necessary to assure proper accounting for funds for
6 career technical education courses, whether received directly from the
7 federal government or any of its agencies, or received through the state or
8 any of its agencies.

9 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 72-4417 is hereby amended to read as
10 follows: 72-4417. (a) Students admitted to a career technical education
11 course or program which is conducted by the school district in which the
12 student is enrolled may be charged fees but shall not be charged tuition.

13 (b) Postsecondary students admitted to a career technical education
14 course or program shall pay tuition and fees as provided by laws
15 applicable thereto.

16 (c) (1) Secondary students admitted to a career technical education
17 course or program which is conducted by a community college, technical
18 college ~~or~~, institute of technology *or state educational institution that has*
19 *merged or consolidated with a community college, technical college or*
20 *institute* may be charged fees, but shall not be charged tuition.

21 (2) Each school year, to the extent there are sufficient moneys
22 appropriated to the career technical education secondary program, the state
23 board of regents shall distribute state funds to community colleges,
24 technical colleges ~~and~~, the Washburn institute of technology *and any state*
25 *educational institution that has merged or consolidated with a community*
26 *college, technical college or institute* for the cost associated with
27 secondary students enrolled in postsecondary career technical education
28 programs as determined by the state board of regents.

29 (3) For purposes of this subsection:

30 (A) "Community college" means any community college established
31 in accordance with chapter 71 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and
32 amendments thereto.

33 (B) "Fees" means those charges assessed against a student by a
34 community college, technical college ~~or~~, the institute of technology *or*
35 *state educational institution* for student services, such as health clinics,
36 athletic activities and technology services, or for books, supplies or other
37 materials necessary for a particular course or program, the expense of
38 which is not covered by tuition.

39 (C) "Institute of technology" means the institute of technology at
40 Washburn university.

41 (D) "Secondary student" means a pupil who: (i) Has not attained a
42 high school diploma or a general educational development (GED)
43 credential; and (ii) is regularly enrolled in and attending a public or private

1 secondary school.

2 (E) "State educational institution" shall have the same meaning as
3 that term is defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.

4 ~~(F)~~ (F) "Technical college" means a technical college designated
5 pursuant to K.S.A. 72-4472, 72-4473, 72-4474, 72-4475, 72-4477 or 72-
6 4477a, and amendments thereto.

7 ~~(G)~~ (G) "Tuition" means those charges assessed against a student by a
8 community college, technical college ~~or~~, the institute of technology *or any*
9 *state educational institution that has merged or consolidated with a*
10 *community college, technical college or institute* on a per credit hour, per
11 course or per term basis, and that are charged to cover the general expense
12 of providing instructional services.

13 (d) Students admitted to a vocational education course or program
14 which is not conducted by the school district in which the student is
15 enrolled shall be charged tuition and fees determined in accordance with
16 subsection (e), subject however to the following: (1) Tuition or fees, or
17 tuition and fees may be paid for the student in accordance with any
18 agreement made under K.S.A. 72-4421, and amendments thereto; or

19 (2) if tuition of a student is not paid under paragraph (1) of this
20 subsection, the tuition of the student shall be paid by the school district in
21 which the student is enrolled. No school district shall pay tuition for a
22 student who is a postsecondary student, and no school district shall be
23 required to pay tuition or fees of a student who is eligible to have tuition
24 and fees for the course or training the student selects paid by any state or
25 federal agency from moneys, funds or appropriations made available under
26 any one or more state or federal programs. Any state agency administering
27 any one or more such programs shall pay such tuition and fees upon proper
28 application by a student therefor.

29 ~~(e) All tuition and fees charged for career technical education by any~~
30 ~~board shall be in such amounts as are authorized by rules and regulations~~
31 ~~adopted by the state board which shall establish general guidelines for~~
32 ~~tuition and fee schedules in career technical education courses and~~
33 ~~programs, except that tuition of postsecondary students shall be fixed in~~
34 ~~accordance with K.S.A. 72-4433, and amendments thereto. The particular~~
35 ~~tuition and fee schedule of every career technical education program shall~~
36 ~~be subject to annual approval of the state board. A current complete~~
37 ~~schedule of tuition and fees for each career technical education course and~~
38 ~~program of each board as approved by the state board shall be maintained~~
39 ~~on file in the office of the state board, and shall be open for public~~
40 ~~inspection at any reasonable time~~ *The governing board of the community*
41 *college, technical college, institute of technology or state educational*
42 *institution shall establish tuition and fees for career technical education*
43 *courses at rates per credit hour enrolled.*

1 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 72-4440 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows: 72-4440. As used in this act:

3 (a) "Board," "state board," "school year" and "technical college" have
4 the meanings respectively ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 72-4412, and
5 amendments thereto.

6 (b) "Career technical education capital outlay aid" means state
7 financial aid distributed under this act by the state board to an eligible
8 institution for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, repair,
9 remodeling, additions to, furnishing and equipping of buildings,
10 architectural expenses incidental thereto, the acquisition of buildings and
11 building sites and the acquisition of equipment.

12 (c) "Eligible institution" or "institution" means any technical college,
13 Coffeyville community college, Cowley county community college,
14 Dodge City community college, Highland community college, Hutchinson
15 community college, Johnson county community college, Kansas City,
16 Kansas community college, Pratt community college, Seward county
17 community college ~~and~~, the institute of technology at Washburn university
18 *and any state educational institution that has merged or consolidated with*
19 *any technical college or one of the aforementioned community colleges.*

20 (d) "State educational institution" shall have the same meaning as
21 that term is defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.

22 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 72-4466 is hereby amended to read as
23 follows: 72-4466. As used in this act:

24 (a) "Community college," "technical college" and "institute of
25 technology" have the meanings respectively ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 72-
26 4412, and amendments thereto.

27 (b) "Career technical education institution" means any community
28 college, technical college ~~or~~, the institute of technology *or any entity*
29 *resulting from the merger or consolidation of any community college,*
30 *technical college or institute with a state educational institution.*

31 (c) "Board" means the state board of regents.

32 (d) "Program" means Kansas technology innovation and internship
33 program.

34 (e) "State educational institution" shall have the same meaning as
35 that term is defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.

36 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 72-4472 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
37 4472. (a) The Wichita area vocational school, also known as the Wichita
38 area vocational-technical school, is authorized to be converted to and
39 established as a technical college and, upon such conversion and
40 establishment as provided by law, shall be officially designated as the
41 Wichita area technical college.

42 (b) Whenever the Wichita area vocational school, or the Wichita area
43 vocational-technical school, is referred to or designated by or in any

1 statute, contract or other document, such reference or designation shall be
2 deemed to apply to the Wichita area technical college.

3 *(c) The provisions of this section shall expire on the date on which*
4 *the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto, become effective*
5 *pursuant to subsection 1(j), and amendments thereto.*

6 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 72-4480 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 72-4480. (a) In each fiscal year, commencing with the 2012 fiscal
8 year, each technical college, as defined in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 71-1802, and
9 amendments thereto, is eligible for a grant from the state general fund, in
10 an amount to be determined by the state board of regents, for non-tiered
11 course credit hours, as defined in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 71-1802, and
12 amendments thereto, approved by the state board and delivered by the
13 technical college. The method of distribution of such funds shall be
14 established by the state board after dialogue with the technical college
15 presidents.

16 (b) No amount of grant under this section shall be based upon any
17 credit hour for which the technical college is receiving or is eligible to
18 receive postsecondary tiered technical education state aid in accordance
19 with K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 71-1803, and amendments thereto. Only the credit
20 hours of students who are residents of the state of Kansas enrolled in
21 courses for postsecondary credit shall be considered for funding.

22 *(c) Each state educational institution, as defined in K.S.A. 76-711,*
23 *and amendments thereto, that merges or consolidates with a technical*
24 *college, as defined in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 71-1802, and amendments*
25 *thereto, is eligible for a grant from the state general fund, in the amount*
26 *the technical college being consolidated with would have been eligible for*
27 *had it not consolidated, for non-tiered course credit hours, as defined in*
28 *K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 71-1802, and amendments thereto, approved by the*
29 *state board and delivered by the technical college the year the merger or*
30 *consolidation is completed. Thereafter, the amount so determined for the*
31 *initial year of merger or consolidation shall be included in the state*
32 *educational institution's base appropriations.*

33 (d) The state board of regents shall identify and approve core
34 indicators of quality performance for technical colleges and shall establish
35 and implement a data management system that includes a process and
36 format for collecting, aggregating and reporting common and institution-
37 specific information documenting effectiveness of the colleges in meeting
38 the role and mission thereof.

39 ~~(d)~~ (e) One-half of the distribution of the appropriation for grants
40 under this section to technical colleges eligible for such grants shall be
41 made on August 1, and the remaining one-half shall be made on January 1
42 of each fiscal year, or as soon thereafter as possible. The state board shall
43 certify, on or before July 20 and December 20 of each fiscal year, to the

1 director of accounts and reports the amount due on August 1 or January 1,
2 as the case may be, to each technical college eligible for a grant, and the
3 director of accounts and reports shall draw a warrant upon the state
4 treasurer in favor of the technical college for such amount. Upon receipt of
5 the warrant, the treasurer of the technical college shall credit the amount of
6 the warrant to the general fund of the technical college.

7 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 72-4490 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 72-4490. (a) (1) Any eligible postsecondary educational
9 institution may certify to the board of regents:

10 (A) The number of individuals who received a general educational
11 development (GED) credential from such institution while enrolled in an
12 eligible career technical education program;

13 (B) the number of individuals who received a career technical
14 education credential from such institution; and

15 (C) the number of individuals who were enrolled in an eligible career
16 technical education program at such institution and who are pursuing a
17 general educational development (GED) credential.

18 (2) Certifications submitted pursuant to this subsection shall be
19 submitted in such form and manner as prescribed by the board of regents,
20 and shall include such other information as required by the board of
21 regents.

22 (b) Each fiscal year, upon receipt of a certification submitted under
23 subsection (a), the board of regents shall authorize payment to such
24 eligible postsecondary educational institution from the postsecondary
25 education performance-based incentives fund. The amount of any such
26 payment shall be calculated based on the following:

27 (1) For each individual who has received a general educational
28 development (GED) credential, \$500;

29 (2) for each individual who has received a career technical education
30 credential, \$1,000; and

31 (3) for each individual enrolled in an eligible career technical
32 education program who is pursuing a general educational development
33 (GED) credential, \$170.

34 (c) That portion of any payment from the postsecondary education
35 performance-based incentives fund that is made based on subsection (b)(2)
36 shall be expended for scholarships for individuals enrolled in an eligible
37 career technical education program and operating costs of eligible career
38 technical education programs. Each eligible postsecondary educational
39 institution shall prepare and submit a report to the board of regents which
40 shall include the number of individuals who received scholarships, the
41 aggregate amount of moneys expended for such scholarships and the
42 number of those individuals who received a scholarship that also received
43 a career technical education credential.

1 (d) (1) Of that portion of any payment from the postsecondary
2 education performance-based incentives fund that is made based on
3 subsection (b)(3), an amount equal to \$150 for each individual shall be
4 expended by the eligible postsecondary educational institution for the
5 general educational development (GED) test.

6 (2) If any individual enrolled in an eligible career technical education
7 program for which an eligible postsecondary educational institution has
8 received a payment under this section fails to take the general educational
9 development (GED) test, then such institution shall notify the board of
10 regents in writing that no such test was administered to the individual. For
11 each such notification received, the board of regents shall deduct an
12 amount equal to \$150 from such institution's subsequent incentive
13 payment.

14 (e) All payments authorized by the board of regents pursuant to this
15 section shall be subject to the limits of appropriations made for such
16 purposes. If there are insufficient appropriations for the board of regents to
17 authorize payments in accordance with the amounts set forth in subsection
18 (b), the board of regents shall prorate such amounts in accordance with
19 appropriations made therefor.

20 (f) There is hereby created the postsecondary education performance-
21 based incentives fund. Expenditures from the postsecondary education
22 performance-based incentives fund shall be for the sole purpose of paying
23 payments to eligible postsecondary educational institutions as authorized
24 by the board of regents. All expenditures from the postsecondary education
25 performance-based incentives fund shall be made in accordance with
26 appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports
27 issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the president of the board of
28 regents, or the president's designee.

29 (g) As used in this section:

30 (1) "Board of regents" means the state board of regents provided for
31 in the constitution of this state and established by K.S.A. 74-3202a, and
32 amendments thereto.

33 (2) "Career technical education credential" means any industry-
34 recognized technical certification or credential, other than a general
35 educational development (GED) credential, or any technical certification
36 or credential authorized by a state agency.

37 (3) "Eligible career technical education program" means a program
38 operated by one or more eligible postsecondary educational institutions
39 that is identified by the board of regents as a program that allows an
40 enrollee to obtain a general educational development (GED) credential
41 while pursuing a career technical education credential.

42 (4) "Eligible postsecondary educational institution" means any
43 community college, technical college or, the institute of technology at

1 Washburn university *or any entity resulting from the merger or*
2 *consolidation of any community college, technical college or institute with*
3 *a state educational institution*, except such term shall not include Johnson
4 county community college.

5 (5) "State agency" means any state office, department, board,
6 commission, institution, bureau or any other state authority.

7 (6) "*State educational institution*" shall have the same meaning as
8 *that term is defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.*

9 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 72-4472 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 71-1802, 71-1803,
10 71-1808, 72-4417, 72-4440, 72-4466, 72-4480 and 72-4490 are hereby
11 repealed.

12 Sec. 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
13 publication in the Kansas register.