

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Education** recommends **HB 2539** be amended on page 2, following line 5, by inserting:

"Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-32,274 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-32,274.

(a) Subject to appropriations, the amount of a Kansas promise scholarship for a student for each academic year shall be determined as follows:

(1) For a student enrolled in a promise eligible program offered by an eligible public postsecondary educational institution described in K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-32,271(b)(1)(A) or (B), and amendments thereto, the scholarship amount shall be the aggregate amount of tuition, required fees and the cost of books and required materials for the promise eligible program at the eligible postsecondary educational institution for the academic year in which the student is enrolled and receiving the scholarship for a Kansas resident minus the aggregate amount of all other aid awarded to such student for such academic year.

(2) For a student enrolled in a promise eligible program offered by an eligible private postsecondary educational institution described in K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-32,271(b)(1)(C), and amendments thereto, the scholarship amount shall be the aggregate amount of tuition, required fees and the cost of books and materials for such program for the academic year in which the student is enrolled and receiving the scholarship for a Kansas resident minus the aggregate amount of all other aid awarded to such student for such academic year, except that a scholarship awarded pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed the average cost of tuition, required fees and the cost of books and required materials for such promise eligible program when offered by an

eligible public postsecondary educational institution described in K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-32,271(b)(1)(A) or (B), and amendments thereto.

(b) Kansas promise scholarships shall only be awarded to an eligible student whose family household income equals \$100,000 or less for a family of one or two, \$150,000 or less for a family of three and, for household sizes above three, a household income that is equal to or less than the family of three amount plus \$4,800 for each additional family member.

(c) (1) Kansas promise scholarship awards shall be used only to pay for up to a total of 68 promise scholarship funded credit hours or a total of \$20,000 in Kansas promise scholarship awards, whichever occurs first, over the lifetime of the student who received the Kansas promise scholarship award regardless of the eligible postsecondary educational institution such student attended.

(2) Kansas promise scholarship awards shall not be used to fund:

(A) Prerequisite classes required for a promise eligible program unless such classes are a designated course within the eligible program; or

(B) any remedial course, as defined in K.S.A. 76-7,151, and amendments thereto, unless such course is offered in a corequisite format.

(d) For each fiscal year, the appropriation made for the Kansas promise scholarship program shall not exceed \$10,000,000.

(e) The state board of regents shall disburse funds based on reimbursement requests from eligible postsecondary educational institutions. Reimbursement requests shall be based on the actual amount of Kansas promise scholarship amounts awarded by an eligible postsecondary educational institution for the appropriate academic period. Any eligible postsecondary educational institution seeking reimbursement shall submit a reimbursement request to the state board of regents on or before September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1 of each year. The

state board of regents shall disburse the appropriate amount of funds to eligible postsecondary educational institutions on September 15, December 15, March 15 and June 15 each year.

(f) As used in this section, "aid" includes any grant, scholarship or financial assistance awards that do not require repayment. "Aid" does not include any military financial educational benefits or any family postsecondary savings account or other qualified tuition program established pursuant to section 529 of the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended.";

Also on page 2, in line 11, before "(A)" by inserting "be a Kansas resident;

(3)";

Also on page 2, also in line 11, by striking "Kansas"; in line 16, by striking "Kansas"; in line 19, after the semicolon by inserting "or"; by striking all in lines 24 through 27; in line 28, by striking "(E)";

On page 5, in line 41, after "74-32,271," by inserting "74-32,274,";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking "removing" and inserting "modifying"; in line 3, by striking "; modifying" and inserting "and"; in line 4, after "74-32,271," by inserting "74-32,274,"; and the bill be passed as amended.

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Chairperson