

SENATE BILL No. 43

By Committee on Education

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Proposed Amendments to
SB 43
Senate Committee on Education
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Part-Time Student Defined
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1 AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to the state board
2 of regents; creating the Kansas promise scholarship act and the Kansas
3 promise scholarship program fund.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) Sections 1 through 6, and amendments thereto, shall be
7 known and may be cited as the Kansas promise scholarship act.

8 (b) As used in the Kansas promise scholarship act:

9 (1) "Eligible institution" means:

10 (A) Any community college or technical college established under
11 the laws of this state;

12 (B) the Washburn institute of technology; or

13 (C) any not-for-profit institution of postsecondary education with its
14 main campus or principal place of operation in Kansas that offers a
15 promise eligible program, is operated independently and not controlled or
16 administered by any state agency or subdivision of the state, maintains
17 open enrollment and is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting
18 agency for higher education in the United States.

19 (2) "Eligible student" means a person who:

20 (A) Is a resident of Kansas; and

21 (B) (i) has recently graduated from an accredited Kansas public or
22 private secondary school;

23 (ii) has recently completed the requirements for graduation at a non-
24 accredited private secondary school as provided in K.S.A. 72-4345, and
25 amendments thereto;

26 (iii) has recently obtained a high school equivalency certificate after
27 attending an accredited Kansas public or private secondary school or non-
28 accredited private school as provided in K.S.A. 72-4345, and amendments
29 thereto;

30 (iv) is 21 years of age or older and, upon application for a
31 scholarship, has been a resident of Kansas for three or more consecutive
32 years; or

33 (v) is a dependent child of a military servicemember permanently
34 stationed in another state and recently graduated or completed the
35 requirements for high school graduation at any out-of-state secondary
36 school or obtained a high school equivalency certificate.

1 (3) "Promise eligible program" means any two-year associate degree
 2 program or career and technical education certificate or stand-alone
 3 program offered by an eligible institution and identified by the state board
 4 pursuant to section 4, and amendments thereto, as a "promise eligible
 5 program" in any of the following fields of study:

- 6 (A) Information technology and security;
- 7 (B) physical and mental healthcare; or
- 8 (C) advanced manufacturing and building trades.
- 9 (4) "State board" means the state board of regents.

10 Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas promise
 11 scholarship program. Subject to appropriations therefor, a scholarship may
 12 be awarded to any eligible student who enrolls in a promise eligible
 13 program at an eligible institution. The scholarship amount shall be the
 14 aggregate amount of tuition, required fees and the cost of books and
 15 required materials for the promise eligible program minus the amount
 16 received from any grants, scholarships or other financial assistance awards
 17 that do not require repayment.

- 18 (b) To receive a Kansas promise scholarship, an eligible student shall:
- 19 (1) Complete a scholarship application on such forms and in such
 20 manner as established by the state board;
- 21 (2) complete the free application for federal student aid;
- 22 (3) enroll in a promise eligible program at an eligible institution; and
- 23 (4) enter into a scholarship agreement as provided in section 3, and
 24 amendments thereto.

25 Sec. 3. (a) As a condition to the award of a scholarship, an eligible
 26 student shall enter into a scholarship agreement with the state board. Such
 27 scholarship agreement shall require that the eligible student:

- 28 (1) Enroll as a full-time or part-time student in a promise eligible
 29 program at an eligible institution and complete the promise eligible
 30 program;
- 31 (2) maintain satisfactory academic progress toward completion of the
 32 promise eligible program;
- 33 (3) within six months of completion of the promise eligible program:
- 34 (A) Reside in and commence work in the state of Kansas for at least
 35 two consecutive years; or
- 36 (B) enroll as a full-time or part-time student in any public or not-for-
 37 profit postsecondary educational institution with its main campus or
 38 principal place of operation located in Kansas, and upon graduation or
 39 failure to re-enroll, reside in and commence work in the state of Kansas for
 40 at least two consecutive years;
- 41 (4) maintain records and make reports as may be required by the state
 42 board to document the satisfaction of the obligations of the Kansas
 43 promise scholarship program; and

"Part-time student" means a student who is enrolled for six credit hours or more in a semester and not enrolled as a full-time student.
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Redesignate remaining paragraphs accordingly