AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to the awarding of
credit hours for degree completion.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) On or before January 1, 2020, the state board of regents
shall adopt a policy requiring state educational institutions to award the
appropriate number of credit hours to any student enrolled in such
institution who has successfully passed an examination administered
through the college level examination program (CLEP), or any other
examination program; or successfully completed any course offered by a
college credit program; and received a credit-granting recommended score
as outlined by the American council on education. Such program shall be
recommended by the American council on education's college credit
recommendation service, or any successor service of the American council
on education. Such policy shall include the following:

(1) The number of credit hours to be awarded shall be at least
equivalent to the minimum number of credit hours granted for the
equivalent course offered by the institution;

(2) an institution shall not limit the number of credit hours that may
be awarded to a student beyond the limitations placed on such institution
by such institution's regional accrediting agency;

(3) credit hours awarded for examinations and courses in the subject
of the student's major course of study shall apply towards the student's
degree program major course of study, and all other credit hours shall
apply toward general degree requirements;

(4) credit hours for examinations and courses shall be listed on the
student's transcript as pass/fail;

(5) all examinations and courses listed on a student's transcript shall
be included on such transcript if the student transfers to a different
postsecondary educational institution, and if the subsequent institution is a
state educational institution, then the credit hours for such examinations
and courses shall be applied in accordance with this section; and

(6) any other provisions relating to the awarding of credit hours based
on examination and course results deemed necessary by the board.

(b) Commencing on July 1, 2020, each state educational institution
shall award credit hours to enrolled students who have successfully passed
an examination or course in accordance with the policy adopted by the board pursuant to this section.

(c) As used in this section, the terms "state board of regents" and "state educational institution" mean the same as those terms are defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.