AN ACT concerning postsecondary educational institutions; relating to the use of state funds; prohibiting academic boycotts of certain countries or institutions of higher education located in certain countries.

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

Section 1. The legislature hereby finds and declares that it is beneficial to students of this state to have access to an education that is not bound by borders and to have the opportunity to obtain a global education. The legislature further finds and declares that it is important that this state undertake efforts to ensure that its students succeed in a world that is continually becoming more interdependent and diverse, and further, that students have access to international institutions for higher education. A global education allows students to connect, compete and cooperate with their peers around the world. Therefore, it is the policy of this state to prohibit public postsecondary educational institutions in this state from using moneys appropriated to such public postsecondary educational institutions from the state general fund or any special revenue fund to support academic boycotts of certain countries or of any institution for higher learning located in certain countries.

Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Academic entity" means any organization comprised of degree-granting universities or other institutions of higher education or professors of such degree-granting universities or other institutions of higher education that promote or support academia in the United States and in other countries.

(2) "Community college" means any community college established under the laws of this state.

(3) "Host country" means a country which has signed a friendship, commerce and navigation treaty with the United States or a treaty of like effect that promotes and preserves both foreign investment in the United States and United States' investment abroad.

(4) "Municipal university" means Washburn university of Topeka or any other municipal university established under the laws of this state.

(5) "Public postsecondary educational institution" means any state educational institution, municipal university, community college, technical college or the institute of technology at Washburn university.
"State educational institution" means any state educational institution, as defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.

(7) "Technical college" means any technical college established under the laws of this state.

(b) No public postsecondary educational institution in this state may use moneys appropriated to such public postsecondary educational institution from the state general fund or any special revenue fund to fund any academic entity, provide funds for membership in an academic entity or fund travel or lodging for any employee to attend any meeting of such academic entity if such entity has issued a public resolution or other official statement or undertaken an official action to academically boycott a host country or any institution for higher learning located in a host country.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a public postsecondary educational institution has violated subsection (b), an amount equal to the state aid expended by such public postsecondary educational institution shall be deducted from any future payments of state aid to such public postsecondary educational institution. Such amount may be determined by the state board of regents.

(d) Nothing in this section shall limit the attendance by any employee of a public postsecondary educational institution at any event of an academic entity that supports academic boycotts of a host country or any institution of higher education located in a host country. Attendance at meetings of any such academic entity by any employee of a public postsecondary educational institution shall not be used by the public postsecondary educational institution with regard to employment decisions.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or restrict a postsecondary student organization or association from using non-state moneys to support or participate in academic boycotts of a host country or any institution of higher education located in a host country.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.