

HOUSE BILL No. 2515

By Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

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Proposed Amendment for HB 2515
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1 AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to scholarship
2 programs; creating the Kansas promise scholarship act.

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

5 Section 1. (a) The provisions of section 1 et seq., and amendments
6 thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas promise
7 scholarship act.

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

9 (1) "Eligible postsecondary educational institution" means:

10 (A) Any community college established pursuant to chapter 71 of the
11 Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto; ~~and~~

12 (B) ~~a technical college established under the laws of this state~~

13 Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas promise
14 scholarship program. The state board of regents shall administer the
15 program.

16 (b) On or before March 1, 2021, the state board of regents shall adopt
17 rules and regulations to implement and administer the Kansas promise
18 scholarship program. Such rules and regulations shall establish:

19 (1) Scholarship application deadlines;

20 (2) appeal procedures for denial or revocation of a Kansas promise
21 scholarship;

22 (3) guidelines to ensure as much as is practicable that, if a student
23 who received a Kansas promise scholarship graduates from a technical
24 education certificate program or associate degree program pursuant to this
25 act and subsequently enrolls in a state educational institution, as defined in
26 K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, any courses taken by such
27 student shall be transferred to the state educational institution and qualify
28 toward the student's baccalaureate degree;

29 (4) procedures for a student who receives a Kansas promise
30 scholarship to record and report proof of community service and
31 community service hours;

32 (5) the terms, conditions and requirements that shall be incorporated
33 into each Kansas promise scholarship agreement;

34 (6) procedures for requesting and approving medical, military and
35 personal absences from an eligible postsecondary educational institution
36 while receiving a Kansas promise scholarship;

any

(C) the Washburn institute of technology; or
(D) any two-year associate degree program or technical
certificate program offered by a private postsecondary
educational institution with its primary location in Kansas

career and

transfer

or municipal university

1 (7) criteria for determining whether any student who received a
 2 Kansas promise scholarship fulfilled the employment and repayment
 3 requirements included in a Kansas promise scholarship agreement as
 4 provided in section 5, and amendments thereto; and
 5 (8) criteria for determining when a student who received a Kansas
 6 promise scholarship may be released from the requirements of a Kansas
 7 promise scholarship, if there are special circumstances that caused such
 8 student to be unable to complete such requirements.

9 (c) The state board of regents shall:
 10 (1) publicize Kansas promise scholarships, including, but not limited
 11 to, publicizing eligible postsecondary educational institutions, approved
 12 scholarship-eligible educational programs, application procedures and
 13 application deadlines;
 14 (2) allocate funds to each eligible postsecondary educational
 15 institution for the purpose of awarding Kansas promise scholarships;
 16 (3) request information from eligible postsecondary educational
 17 institutions necessary for the administration of this act;

18 (4) annually collaborate with ~~the department of commerce and~~
 19 ~~Kansas business and industry to identify up to 10 job fields that currently~~
 20 ~~have the highest need for skilled employees;~~
 21 (5) designate scholarship-eligible education programs that correspond
 22 to the job fields identified in paragraph (4);

23 (6) ensure that any student who received a Kansas promise
 24 scholarship fulfills the employment or repayment requirements provided in
 25 section 5, and amendments thereto; and
 26 (7) beginning January 2021, annually evaluate the Kansas promise
 27 scholarship program and prepare and submit a report to the senate standing
 28 committee on education and the house of representatives standing
 29 committee on education.

30 (a) Sec. 3. Subject to appropriations, the amount of a Kansas promise
 31 scholarship for a student for each semester shall be the aggregate amount
 32 of tuition, required fees and the cost of books and required materials for
 33 the educational program at the eligible postsecondary educational
 34 institution for the academic year in which the student is enrolled and
 35 receiving the scholarship minus the aggregate amount of all other aid
 36 awarded to such student for such semester.

37 Sec. 4. (a) To be eligible for a Kansas promise scholarship, a student
 38 shall:

- 39 (1) Be a Kansas resident;
- 40 (2) be a graduate of a Kansas public or private secondary school or
 41 have obtained a high school equivalency certificate;
- 42 (3) complete the required scholarship application on such forms and
 43 in such manner as established by the state board of regents;

Work with community partners, such as community foundations,
 school districts, postsecondary educational institutions, Kansas
 business and industry and Kansas economic development
 organizations to

an advisory group to identify five high demand or critical need job
 fields that currently have the highest need for skilled employees
 statewide and up to five additional job fields in each department of
 commerce region that are high demand job fields in each such region.
 The advisory group shall consist of the following members:

- (A) One member from the department of commerce;
- (B) one member from the department of labor;
- (C) two members representing ~~the~~ economic development, one of
 which shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
 representatives and the other of which shall be appointed by the
 president of the senate;
- (D) one member representing the Kansas association of community
 college trustees;
- (E) one member representing the association of Kansas technical
 colleges;
- (F) one member representing the Kansas chamber of commerce; and
- (G) one member representing the national federation of independent
 businesses.

career and technical programs and transfer education programs
 and pathways

Aid includes any grant, scholarship or financial assistant awards that
 do not require repayment.

(b) If a student is enrolled in an eligible postsecondary education
 program offered by a four-year eligible postsecondary educational
 institution, the aggregate amount of tuition, mandatory fees and the
 cost of books and materials for such eligible postsecondary education
 program shall be the average cost of tuition, mandatory fees and the
 cost of books and materials for such eligible public postsecondary education
 program when offered by an eligible public postsecondary education
 institution that is not a four-year institution.

within the preceding 12 months

- 1 (4) enter into a Kansas promise scholarship agreement pursuant to
- 2 section 5, and amendments thereto;
- 3 (5) complete the free application for federal student aid for the
- 4 academic year in which the student applies to receive a Kansas promise
- 5 scholarship; and
- 6 (6) enroll in an eligible postsecondary educational institution in a
- 7 scholarship-eligible technical education program or associate degree
- 8 program.
- 9 (b) To continue to receive a Kansas promise scholarship, a student
- 10 shall:
- 11 (1) Annually complete 100 hours of community service or be
- 12 employed and work a minimum of 15 hours per week throughout the time
- 13 period in which the student is receiving a Kansas promise scholarship;
- 14 (2) maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0; and
- 15 (3) satisfy any other requirements of a Kansas promise scholarship
- 16 agreement as provided in section 5, and amendments thereto.
- 17 (c) Nothing in this act shall prohibit a student who received
- 18 postsecondary course credit while enrolled in high school from qualifying
- 19 for a Kansas promise scholarship.
- 20 Sec. 5. (a) As a condition to receiving a Kansas promise scholarship,
- 21 an eligible student shall enter into a Kansas promise scholarship agreement
- 22 with the eligible postsecondary educational institution making the
- 23 scholarship award to such student. Such agreement shall require such
- 24 student who receives a Kansas promise scholarship to:
- 25 (1) ~~Engage as a full-time student in and complete the required~~
- 26 ~~technical education certificate program or associate degree program of the~~
- 27 ~~eligible postsecondary educational institution for which the student is~~
- 28 ~~receiving the scholarship;~~
- 29 (2) within six months after graduation from the technical education
- 30 ~~certificate program or associate degree program;~~
- 31 (A) Commence work in the state of Kansas for at least two
- 32 consecutive years following completion of such program; or
- 33 (B) enroll as a full-time student in any public or private
- 34 postsecondary educational institution with its primary location in Kansas;
- 35 (3) maintain records and make reports to the state board of regents on
- 36 such forms and in such manner as required by the state board of regents to
- 37 document the satisfaction of the requirements of this act; and
- 38 (4) upon failure to satisfy the requirements of a Kansas promise
- 39 scholarship agreement, repay the amount of the Kansas promise
- 40 scholarship the student received under the program as provided in
- 41 subsection (b).
- 42 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c), if any student who
- 43 receives a Kansas promise scholarship fails to satisfy the requirements of a

with coursework in an identified job field that corresponds to a baccalaureate degree program

Enroll as a full-time student at the eligible postsecondary institution for which the student is receiving a Kansas promise scholarship and engage in and complete the required career and technical education program or associate degree program with coursework in an identified job field that corresponds to a baccalaureate degree program

career
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or if transferring as a full-time student to a public or private postsecondary educational institution with its primary location in Kansas, commence work in Kansas for at least two consecutive years following the completion of such program

1 Kansas promise scholarship agreement entered into pursuant to this
2 section, such student shall pay an amount equal to the total amount of
3 money received by such student pursuant to such agreement that is
4 financed by the state of Kansas plus accrued interest at a rate equivalent to
5 the interest rate applicable to loans made under the federal PLUS program
6 at the time such person first entered into an agreement. Installment
7 payments of such amounts may be made in accordance with rules and
8 regulations of the state board of regents. Such installment payments shall
9 begin six months after the date of the action or circumstances that cause
10 such student to fail to satisfy the requirements of a Kansas promise
11 scholarship agreement, as determined by the state board of regents upon
12 the circumstances of each individual case. All moneys received pursuant to
13 this subsection shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with
14 the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt
15 of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount
16 in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.

17 (2) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any repayment
18 account arising under this act to a designated loan servicer or collection
19 agency, the state not being involved other than to receive payments from
20 the loan servicer or collection agency at the interest rate prescribed under
21 this subsection.

22 (c) Any requirement under a Kansas promise scholarship agreement
23 entered into pursuant to this section may be postponed for good cause in
24 accordance with rules and regulations of the state board of regents.

25 (d) A student who received a Kansas promise scholarship and entered
26 into a Kansas promise scholarship agreement satisfies the requirements
27 under such agreement when such student:

28 (1) Completes the requirements in accordance with such agreement;

29 (2) fails to satisfy the requirements for completion of the educational
30 requirements after making the best effort possible to do so;

31 (3) is unable to obtain employment and continue in such employment
32 after making the best effort possible to do so;

33 (4) is unable to satisfy the requirements due to permanent physical
34 disability; or

35 (5) dies.

36 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
37 publication in the statute book.