

HOUSE BILL No. 2265

By Representative Whipple

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (b) Commencing on July 1, 2020, each state educational institution
36 shall award credit hours to enrolled students who have successfully passed

1 an examination or course in accordance with the policy adopted by the
2 board pursuant to this section.

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

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