

HOUSE BILL No. 2647

By Representative Todd

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1 AN ACT concerning postsecondary educational institutions; relating to the
2 use of state funds; prohibiting academic boycotts of certain countries or
3 institutions of higher education located in certain countries.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (5) "Public postsecondary educational institution" means any state
35 educational institution, municipal university, community college, technical
36 college or the institute of technology at Washburn university.

1 (6) "State educational institution" means any state educational
2 institution, as defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.

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

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

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

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

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

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