

HOUSE BILL No. 2064

By Committee on Vision 2020

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1 AN ACT creating the Kansas higher education commission.

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

4 Section 1. (a) There is hereby created a Kansas higher education
5 commission which will include the membership of the following:

6 (1) One representative each from a research university, a regional
7 university, a community college and a technical college;

8 (2) one student each from a university, a community college, a
9 technical college and a private college;

10 (3) four representatives of employers who hire college,
11 professionally and technically educated students;

12 (4) three persons who are residents and taxpayers in the state of
13 Kansas whose children or grandchildren graduated from a Kansas
14 university, community college or technical college;

15 (5) one person who is a resident and taxpayer in the state of Kansas
16 whose child or grandchild graduated from a non-Kansas university,
17 community college or technical college;

18 (6) two economists researching in the areas of education,
19 employment, investment values or other subjects relevant to the value of
20 postsecondary education on lifetime earnings, state revenues, state
21 economic growth or other related topics; and

22 (7) one graduate each from a university, community college and
23 technical college who has graduated within the previous five years,
24 resides in and is employed in the state of Kansas.

25 The secretary of commerce shall serve as the chairperson to the
26 commission, and the governor shall make all other appointments to the
27 commission. The commission shall meet at least annually, and more
28 often upon the call of the chairperson.

29 (b) The commission shall have the following responsibilities:

30 (1) Determine the value to taxpayers and to the state of Kansas of
31 university, community college, technical college and graduate or
32 professional degree education programs, with special emphasis on the
33 number of graduates who live, earn and contribute in Kansas for at least
34 five years after the receipt of a degree or certificate. To the extent
35 possible, such analysis shall be on a program or degree basis;

36 (2) examine the value of creating additional specific collaborative

1 professional programs between Kansas institutions of higher education
2 and between such institutions in Kansas and in other states;

3 (3) determine the percentage of the total budget of research
4 universities, regional universities, community colleges and technical
5 colleges that should be paid by the student, by the state and by other
6 sources;

7 (4) examine and recommend the state's role in funding research
8 universities, regional universities, community colleges and technical
9 colleges to identify which aspects of personnel, infrastructure, programs
10 and other components should be state funded;

11 (5) recommend existing educational programs that the state should
12 seek to expand to meet anticipated workforce needs;

13 (6) determine what percentage of state postsecondary contributions
14 should be dedicated to student assistance; and

15 (7) examine other such areas as the commission shall determine
16 appropriate.

17 (c) The higher education commission shall submit an update to the
18 legislature and the governor by January 1, 2012, and a final report to the
19 legislature and the governor by January 1, 2013.

20 (d) The staff of the Kansas board of regents and the legislative
21 research department shall provide such staffing and assistance as may be
22 requested by the commission and to the extent authorized by the
23 legislative coordinating council.

24 (e) Parents, students and community representatives attending
25 meetings of the commission, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof
26 authorized by the commission, shall be paid compensation, subsistence
27 allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided by K.S.A. 75-3223,
28 and amendments thereto, however, all other members of the commission
29 shall be compensated by the employer of such member.

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

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