HOUSE BILL No. 2204

By Committee on Education Budget

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AN ACT creating the college credit scholarship program; amending K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6407 and repealing the existing section.

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

New Section 1. As used in sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "Department" means the Kansas department of education.
- (b) "Eligible student" means a student enrolled in public school in the school year in which a scholarship application was first submitted for the student pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto.
- (c) "Parent" includes a guardian, custodian or other person with authority to act on behalf of the child.
- (d) "Institution" means a postsecondary educational institution or a private postsecondary educational institution, as those terms are defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto, located within the state of Kansas.
- (g) "Program" means the college credit scholarship program established by section 2, and amendments thereto.
- (h) "Resident school district" means the school district in which the student resides.
 - (i) "State board" means the state board of education.
- New Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby established the college credit scholarship program. The program shall be administered by the department. Any parent of an eligible student shall qualify for a scholarship pursuant to the program if:
 - 1) The eligible student is enrolled in a public school;
- (2) the student has been accepted for admission at an institution;
- (3) the student will also receive credit towards high school graduation for the course or courses taken at the institution; and
- (4) the parent has submitted an application for a scholarship in the manner specified by the state board.
- (b) Upon approval of an application for a scholarship, the department shall notify the resident school district that an eligible student has requested a scholarship under the program. Such notice shall include the name of the eligible student and the name of the institution the student

will attend.

- (c) The maximum scholarship amount that may be granted under the program to an eligible student shall be the aggregate cost of tuition and fees to attend the institution.
- (d) The department shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the amount of the scholarship to be awarded for each eligible student. The director of accounts and reports shall issue a warrant on the state treasurer, payable to the parent of each eligible student awarded a scholarship under the program, in the amount certified by the department. Upon receipt of such warrant, the parent to whom the warrant is made shall restrictively endorse the warrant to the institution for deposit into the account of the institution.
- New Sec. 3. If a student fails to earn credit for the course or courses enrolled in, the parent of such student shall pay to the department the amount of the scholarship awarded for the course or courses for which the student failed to earn credit. Such payment shall be made within 60 days of the date of final notification by the institution of the student's final grade in the course or courses. All moneys received by the department pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state school district finance fund.
- New Sec. 4. The state board shall not be liable for claims based on the award of or use of a scholarship awarded pursuant to sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto.
- New Sec. 5. The state board shall adopt rules and regulations that it deems necessary to implement the provisions of sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, including, but not limited to:
- (a) The calculation and awarding of scholarships under the program;
- (b) procedures relating to the submission and approval of applications for scholarships; and
- (c) procedures and safeguards relating to the issuance of vouchers to ensure that moneys awarded for scholarships are used for the purposes set forth in sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6407 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6407. (a) (1) "Pupil" means any person who is regularly enrolled in a district and attending kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 maintained by the district or who is regularly enrolled in a district and attending kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 in another district in accordance with an agreement entered into under authority of K.S.A. 72-8233, and amendments thereto, or who is regularly enrolled in a district and attending special education services provided for preschool-aged exceptional children by the district.
 - (2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection,

 (A) The following shall be counted as one pupil:

- (i) A pupil in attendance full time shall be counted as one pupil.; and
- (ii) except as provided in subparagraph (B), a pupil enrolled in a district and attending special education and related services, provided for by the district.
 - (B) The following shall be counted as 1/2 pupil:
 - (i) A pupil attending kindergarten;
- (ii) a pupil enrolled in a district and attending special education and related services for preschool-aged exceptional children provided for by the district; and
- (iii) a preschool-aged at-risk pupil enrolled in a district and receiving services under an approved at-risk pupil assistance plan maintained by the district.
 - (C) The following shall be counted as two pupils:
- (i) A pupil in the custody of the secretary of social and rehabilitation services or in the custody of the commissioner of juvenile justice and enrolled in unified school district No. 259, Sedgwick county, Kansas, but housed, maintained and receiving educational services at the Judge James V. Riddel Boys Ranch; and
- (ii) a pupil in the custody of the secretary of social and rehabilitation services or in the custody of the commissioner of juvenile justice and enrolled in unified school district No. 409, Atchison, Kansas, but housed, maintained and receiving educational services at the youth residential center located on the grounds of the former Atchison juvenile correctional facility.
- (D) A pupil in attendance part time shall be counted as that proportion of one pupil (to the nearest $^{1}/_{10}$) that the pupil's attendance bears to full-time attendance. A pupil attending kindergarten shall becounted as 1/2 pupil.
- (E) A pupil enrolled in and attending an institution of postsecondary education which is authorized under the laws of this state to award academic degrees shall be counted as one pupil if the pupil's postsecondary education enrollment and attendance together with the pupil's attendance in either of the grades 11 or 12 is at least ⁵/₆ time, otherwise the pupil shall be counted as that proportion of one pupil (to the nearest ¹/₁₀) that the total time of the pupil's postsecondary education attendance and attendance in grade 11 or 12, as applicable, bears to full-time attendance
- (F) A pupil enrolled in and attending an area vocational school, area vocational-technical school or approved vocational education program shall be counted as one pupil if the pupil's vocational education enrollment and attendance together with the pupil's attendance in any of

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- (G) A pupil enrolled in a district and attending a nonvirtual school and also attending a virtual school shall be counted as that proportion of one pupil (to the nearest $^{1}/_{10}$) that the pupil's attendance at the nonvirtual school bears to full-time attendance. Except as provided by this section for preschool-aged exceptional children and virtual school pupils, a pupil enrolled in a district and attending special education and related services, provided for by the district shall be counted as one pupil.
- (H) A pupil enrolled in a district and attending special education and related services provided for by the district and also attending a virtual school shall be counted as that proportion of one pupil (to the nearest $\frac{1}{10}$) that the pupil's attendance at the nonvirtual school bears to full-time attendance. A pupil enrolled in a district and attending special education and related services for preschool-aged exceptional children provided for by the district shall be counted as 1/2 pupil. A preschool-aged at-risk pupil enrolled in a district and receiving services under an approved atrisk pupil assistance plan maintained by the district shall be counted as-1/2 pupil. A pupil in the custody of the secretary of social andrehabilitation services or in the custody of the commissioner of juvenile justice and enrolled in unified school district No. 259, Sedgwick county, Kansas, but housed, maintained, and receiving educational services at the Judge James V. Riddel Boys Ranch, shall be counted as two pupils. Except as provided in section 1 of chapter 76 of the 2009 Session Laws of the state of Kansas, and amendments thereto, a pupil in the custody of the secretary of social and rehabilitation services or in the custody of the commissioner of juvenile justice and enrolled in unified school district No. 409, Atchison, Kansas, but housed, maintained and receiving educational services at the youth residential center located on the grounds of the former Atchison juvenile correctional facility, shall be counted as two pupils.
- (3) A pupil that has been awarded a scholarship under the college credit scholarship program, section 1 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall be counted as that proportion of one pupil (to the nearest $^{1}/_{10}$) that the pupil's attendance bears to full-time attendance.
 - (4) The following shall not be counted:
- (A) A pupil residing at the Flint Hills job corps center shall not be eounted:
- (B) except as provided in paragraph (2), a pupil confined in and receiving educational services provided for by a district at a juvenile detention facility shall not be counted:; and

 (C) a pupil enrolled in a district but housed, maintained, and receiving educational services at a state institution or a psychiatric residential treatment facility shall not be counted.

- (b) "Preschool-aged exceptional children" means exceptional children, except gifted children, who have attained the age of three years but are under the age of eligibility for attendance at kindergarten.
- (c) "At-risk pupils" means pupils who are eligible for free meals under the national school lunch act and who are enrolled in a district which maintains an approved at-risk pupil assistance plan.
- (d) "Preschool-aged at-risk pupil" means an at-risk pupil who has attained the age of four years, is under the age of eligibility for attendance at kindergarten, and has been selected by the state board in accordance with guidelines consonant with guidelines governing the selection of pupils for participation in head start programs.
- (e) "Enrollment" means: (1) (A) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (1)(B), for districts scheduling the school days or school hours of the school term on a trimestral or quarterly basis, the number of pupils regularly enrolled in the district on September 20 plus the number of pupils regularly enrolled in the district on February 20 less the number of pupils regularly enrolled on February 20 who were counted in the enrollment of the district on September 20; and for districts not specified in this paragraph (1), the number of pupils regularly enrolled in the district on September 20; (B) a pupil who is a foreign exchange student shall not be counted unless such student is regularly enrolled in the district on September 20 and attending kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 maintained by the district for at least one semester or two quarters or the equivalent thereof;
- (2) if enrollment in a district in any school year has decreased from enrollment in the preceding school year, enrollment of the district in the current school year means whichever is the greater of (A) enrollment in the preceding school year minus enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils were enrolled, plus enrollment in the current school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils are enrolled, or (B) the sum of enrollment in the current school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils are enrolled and the average (mean) of the sum of (i) enrollment of the district in the current school year minus enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils are enrolled and (ii) enrollment in the preceding school year minus enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils were enrolled and (iii) enrollment in the school year next preceding the preceding school year minus enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged atrisk pupils, if any such pupils were enrolled; or

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 (3) the number of pupils as determined under K.S.A. 72-6447 or K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6448, and amendments thereto.

- (f) "Adjusted enrollment" means: (1) Enrollment adjusted by adding at-risk pupil weighting, program weighting, low enrollment weighting, if any, high density at-risk pupil weighting, if any, medium density at-risk pupil weighting, if any, nonproficient pupil weighting, if any, high enrollment weighting, if any, declining enrollment weighting, if any, school facilities weighting, if any, ancillary school facilities weighting, if any, cost of living weighting, if any, special education and related services weighting, and transportation weighting to enrollment; or (2) adjusted enrollment as determined under K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6457 or 72-6458, and amendments thereto.
- (g) "At-risk pupil weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of enrollment of at-risk pupils.
- (h) "Program weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of pupil attendance in educational programs which differ in cost from regular educational programs.
- (i) "Low enrollment weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6412, and amendments thereto, on the basis of costs attributable to maintenance of educational programs by such districts in comparison with costs attributable to maintenance of educational programs by districts having to which high enrollment weighting is assigned pursuant to K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6442b, and amendments thereto.
- (j) "School facilities weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of costs attributable to commencing operation of new school facilities.
- (k) "Transportation weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of costs attributable to the provision or furnishing of transportation.
- (l) "Cost-of-living weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts to which the provisions of K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6449, and amendments thereto, apply on the basis of costs attributable to the cost of living in the district.
- (m) "Ancillary school facilities weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts to which the provisions of K.S.A. 72-6441, and amendments thereto, apply on the basis of costs attributable to commencing operation of new school facilities. Ancillary school facilities weighting may be assigned to enrollment of a district only if the district has levied a tax under authority of K.S.A. 72-6441, and amendments thereto, and remitted the proceeds from such tax to the state treasurer. Ancillary school facilities weighting is in addition to assignment of school facilities weighting to enrollment of any district

eligible for such weighting.

- (n) "Juvenile detention facility" has the meaning ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 72-8187, and amendments thereto.
- (o) "Special education and related services weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of costs attributable to provision of special education and related services for pupils determined to be exceptional children.
- (p) "Virtual school" means any school or educational program that: (1) Is offered for credit; (2) uses distance-learning technologies which predominately use internet-based methods to deliver instruction; (3) involves instruction that occurs asynchronously with the teacher and pupil in separate locations; (4) requires the pupil to make academic progress toward the next grade level and matriculation from kindergarten through high school graduation; (5) requires the pupil to demonstrate competence in subject matter for each class or subject in which the pupil is enrolled as part of the virtual school; and (6) requires age-appropriate pupils to complete state assessment tests.
- (q) "Declining enrollment weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts to which the provisions of K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6451, and amendments thereto, apply on the basis of reduced revenues attributable to the declining enrollment of the district.
- (r) "High enrollment weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts pursuant to K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6442b, and amendments thereto, on the basis of costs attributable to maintenance of educational programs by such districts as a correlate to low enrollment weighting assigned to enrollment of districts pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6412, and amendments thereto.
- (s) "High density at-risk pupil weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts to which the provisions of K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6455, and amendments thereto, apply.
- (t) "Nonproficient pupil" means a pupil who is not eligible for free meals under the national school lunch act and who has scored less than proficient on the mathematics or reading state assessment during the preceding school year and who is enrolled in a district which maintains an approved proficiency assistance plan.
- (u) "Nonproficient pupil weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of enrollment of nonproficient pupils pursuant to K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6454, and amendments thereto.
- (v) "Psychiatric residential treatment facility" has the meaning ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 72-8187, and amendments thereto.
- (w) "Medium density at-risk pupil weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts to which the

1 provisions of K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6459, and amendments thereto, 2 apply.

- 3 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6407 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.