

SENATE BILL No. 340

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning higher education; relating to the Kansas promise
2 scholarship program; responsibilities of the state board of regents and
3 postsecondary educational institutions; authorizing designation of
4 additional eligible programs and fields of study; amending K.S.A. 2021
5 Supp. 74-32,271, 74-32,272, 74-32,273, 74-32,274, 74-32,275 and 74-
6 32,276 and repealing the existing sections.

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

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,271 is hereby amended to read as
10 follows: 74-32,271. (a) K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,271 et seq., and
11 amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas
12 promise scholarship act.

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

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

15 (A) Any community college or technical college established under
16 the laws of this state *and with a recognized service area*;

17 (B) the Washburn institute of technology; or

18 (C) any not-for-profit institution of postsecondary education with its
19 main campus or principal place of operation in Kansas that offers a
20 promise eligible program, is operated independently and not controlled or
21 administered by any state agency or subdivision of the state, maintains
22 open enrollment and is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting
23 agency for higher education in the United States.

24 (2) "Military servicemember" means the same as defined in K.S.A.
25 2021 Supp. 48-3406, and amendments thereto.

26 (3) "Part-time student" means a student who is enrolled for six credit
27 hours or more in ~~a~~ *the fall, summer or spring* semester and is not enrolled
28 as a full-time student.

29 (4) "Promise eligible program" means any two-year associate degree
30 program or career and technical education certificate or stand-alone
31 program offered by an eligible postsecondary educational institution that is
32 identified as a "promise eligible program" by the state board of regents
33 pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,272, and amendments thereto, or
34 ~~designated~~ as a "promise eligible program" *within a field of study*
35 *designated* by an eligible postsecondary educational institution pursuant to
36 K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,273, and amendments thereto.

1 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,272 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows: 74-32,272. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas promise
3 scholarship program. The state board of regents shall *implement and*
4 *administer* the program.

5 (b) On or before March 1, ~~2022~~ 2023, the state board of regents shall
6 adopt rules and regulations to implement and administer the Kansas
7 promise scholarship program. Such rules and regulations shall establish:

8 (1) ~~A scholarship application—deadlines process, including, but not~~
9 ~~limited to, accepting scholarship applications throughout the academic~~
10 ~~year and processing such applications in the order such applications were~~
11 ~~received;~~

12 (2) appeal procedures for denial or revocation of a Kansas promise
13 scholarship;

14 (3) guidelines to ensure as much as is practicable that, if a student
15 who received a Kansas promise scholarship graduates from a promise
16 eligible program and subsequently enrolls in a state educational institution,
17 as defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, or municipal
18 university, any courses taken by such student shall be transferred to the
19 state educational institution or municipal university and qualify toward the
20 student's baccalaureate degree;

21 (4) the terms, conditions and requirements that shall be incorporated
22 into each Kansas promise scholarship agreement, *which shall not be more*
23 *stringent than the requirements for Kansas promise scholarship*
24 *agreements provided in this act;*

25 (5) procedures for requesting and approving medical, military and
26 personal absences from an eligible postsecondary educational institution
27 while receiving a Kansas promise scholarship;

28 (6) criteria for determining whether a student who received a Kansas
29 promise scholarship fulfilled the residency, employment and repayment
30 requirements included in a Kansas promise scholarship agreement as
31 provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,276, and amendments thereto; ~~and~~

32 (7) criteria for determining when a student who received a Kansas
33 promise scholarship may be released from the requirements of a Kansas
34 promise scholarship, if there are special circumstances that caused such
35 student to be unable to complete such requirements;

36 (c) The state board of regents shall:

37 (1) Identify the promise eligible programs offered by each eligible
38 postsecondary educational institution that are:

39 (A) *Within a field of study designated by the eligible postsecondary*
40 *educational institution pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,273, and*
41 *amendments thereto; and*

42 (B) in any of the following fields of study:

43 (i) Information technology and security;

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(8) that no institution may:
(A) Limit scholarships to certain promise eligible programs at such institution; or
(B) award less than the full Kansas promise scholarship amount for which a student qualifies as long as funds are available in the Kansas promise scholarship program fund