SENATE BILL No. 366

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to the state board of education;
2   creating the student opportunity scholarship program.
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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*
5   Section 1.   (a) There is hereby established the student opportunity
6 scholarship program, which shall be administered by the state board of
7 education. On and after July 1, 2018, a student will be eligible to receive a
8 student opportunity scholarship if such student: (1) Attended an accredited
9 Kansas high school for at least three consecutive years; (2) graduated from
10 a Kansas high school prior to September 20 of the year in which such
11 student would have been enrolled in grade 12; and (3) is enrolled in or
12 plans to attend a postsecondary educational institution in Kansas.
13   (b)   To receive a student opportunity scholarship, an eligible student
14 shall provide the state board: (1) Proof of enrollment in a postsecondary
15 educational institution within one year of graduation from high school; and
16 (2) any other information deemed necessary by the state board.
17   (c)   There is hereby established in the state treasury the student
18 opportunity scholarship fund, which shall be administered by the state
19 board of education. All expenditures from the student opportunity
20 scholarship fund shall be for student opportunity scholarships and the
21 administration of the student opportunity scholarship program. All
22 expenditures from the student opportunity scholarship fund shall be made
23 in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of
24 accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state
25 board or its designee. All moneys received for the purposes of this section
26 shall be deposited in the state treasury in accordance with the provisions of
27 K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, and shall be credited to the
28 student opportunity scholarship fund.
29   (d)   The state board shall provide a student opportunity scholarship to
30 any student who meets the requirements of subsections (a) and (b). A
31 student opportunity scholarship shall be paid directly to the postsecondary
32 educational institution that the eligible student attends. If the annual cost
33 of the student's tuition at such postsecondary educational institution is less
34 than the scholarship amount, the remaining money shall remain in the
35 student opportunity scholarship fund and the state board shall continue to
36 pay an amount equal to the annual cost of tuition to the postsecondary

1 educational institution for each year that the student attends a
2 postsecondary educational institution until the scholarship amount has
3 been fully expended.
4   (e) (1)   The amount of the scholarship shall be equal to 95% of the
5 amount of BASE aid, as defined in K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 72-5132, and
6 amendments thereto.
7   (2)   The school district from which the student graduated shall receive
8 an amount equal to 5% of the state aid per student.
9   (3)   The state board may retain up to 2% of the amount of scholarships
10 for the cost of administering the student opportunity scholarship program.
11   (f)   The state board shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out the
12 provisions of this section by July 1, 2018.
13   (g)   As used in this section:
14   (1)   "Postsecondary educational institution" means any state
15 educational institution, municipal university, community college, technical
16 college or institute of technology located in Kansas or any private
17 postsecondary educational institution that operates on a not-for-profit
18 basis, has a physical presence within the state of Kansas, is regionally
19 accredited by the higher learning commission and is exempt from the
20 provisions of K.S.A. 74-32,162 et seq., and amendments thereto.
21   (2)   "School district" means any public school district organized and
22 operating under the laws of this state.
23   (3)   "State board" means the state board of education.
24   Sec. 2.   This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
25 publication in the statute book.