Wichita State University Affiliation with Wichita Area Technical College; SB 174

SB 174 affiliates the Wichita Area Technical College (WATC) with Wichita State University (WSU). The bill designates the institutional infrastructure of the WATC as the WSU Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology, which will be governed by and operated as a technical college campus within WSU. The campus will continue to be a technical college and eligible for funding that is available to technical colleges.

The bill changes the governing board of WATC to an industry advisory board to the President of WSU for the WSU Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology. Members of the industry advisory board will be appointed by the President of WSU. All powers and duties of the governing board will be transferred to WSU, subject to the rules and regulations and supervision of the State Board of Regents.