

SENATE BILL No. 340

By Committee on Education

1-13

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 educational institution; or

2 (B) an articulation agreement with a four-year postsecondary
3 educational institution and is part of an established degree pathway that
4 allows a student to transfer at least 60 credit hours from the eligible
5 postsecondary educational institution to a four-year postsecondary
6 educational institution for the completion of an additional 60 credit hours
7 toward a bachelor's degree.

8 (2) The provisions of this subsection shall be construed and applied
9 retroactively to the enactment of the Kansas promise scholarship program
10 on July 1, 2021.

11 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,273 is hereby amended to read as
12 follows: 74-32,273. (a) ~~Subject to subsection (b)~~In addition to the fields of
13 study provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,272, and amendments thereto,
14 an eligible postsecondary educational institution may designate ~~one of the~~
15 ~~following additional fields~~ of study for awarding a Kansas promise
16 scholarship to meet local employment needs;

an additional field

- (A)
- (B)
- (C)
- (D)
- (E)

- 17 (1) Agriculture;
- 18 (2) food and natural resources;
- 19 (3) education and training;
- 20 (4) law, public safety, corrections and security; or
- 21 (5) distribution and logistics.

if:

- (1) The promise eligible program within such field of study are two-year associate degree programs or career and technical education certificates or stand-alone programs approved by the state board of regents that correspond to jobs that are high-wage, high demand or critical need in the community;
- (2) the institution already offers such field of study; and
- (3) is one of the following fields of study:

22 (b) ~~Except as otherwise provided, an eligible postsecondary~~
23 ~~educational institution may designate one additional promise eligible~~
24 ~~program field of study if the additional program is a programs within such~~
25 ~~field of study are two-year associate degree program programs or a career~~
26 ~~and technical education certificate certificates or stand-alone program~~
27 ~~programs that corresponds correspond to a high wage, high demand or~~
28 ~~critical need occupation occupations and such programs are offered as~~
29 ~~part of an existing field of study that such institution currently has and~~
30 ~~maintains.~~

31 (b) To designate an additional promise eligible program, such
32 institution shall have and maintain an existing promise eligible program in
33 any of the following fields of study:

- 34 (1) Information technology and security;
- 35 (2) mental and physical healthcare;
- 36 (3) advanced manufacturing and building trades; or
- 37 (4) early childhood education and development.

38 (c) An eligible postsecondary educational institution that designates
39 an additional promise eligible ~~program field of study~~ pursuant to this
40 ~~subsection (a)~~ shall maintain the promise eligible ~~program field of study~~
41 designation of such program for at least three consecutive years. After
42 maintaining such ~~program field of study~~ for at least three years, the
43 institution may designate a new promise eligible ~~program field of study~~

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