SENATE BILL No. 581

By Committee on Ways and Means

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AN ACT concerning the state board of regents; enacting the Kansas campus restoration act; relating to deferred maintenance of facilities at state educational institutions; providing rules and regulations authority; establishing the Kansas campus restoration fund in the state treasury; authorizing certain transfers from the state general fund to the Kansas campus restoration fund; requiring annual reports to certain committees of the legislature.

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

Section 1. (a) The provisions of sections 1 through 8, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas campus restoration act.

- (b) The purpose of the Kansas campus restoration act is to reduce deferred maintenance of educational mission-critical facilities at state educational institutions and to bring such facilities to a state of good repair.
 - (c) As used in the Kansas campus restoration act:
- (1) "Board of regents" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.
- (2) "Fund" means the Kansas campus restoration fund established in section 2, and amendments thereto.
- (3) "State educational institution" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the Kansas campus restoration fund. The Kansas campus restoration fund shall be administered by the board of regents. All expenditures from the fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the board of regents or by a person or persons designated by the board of regents.
- (b) Accounts of the fund shall be established for each state educational institution for the purpose of making capital improvement expenditures from the fund.
- (c) All expenditures from the fund shall require a match of nonstate moneys on a \$1-for-\$1 basis from either the state educational institution or private moneys.
 - Sec. 3. On July 1, 2023, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available,

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 the director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$300,000,000 from the state general fund to the Kansas campus restoration fund.

- Sec. 4. (a) Each state educational institution shall develop and submit to the board of regents a plan for the purpose of rehabilitating, remodeling or renovating existing facilities or building new facilities that are critical to the educational mission of such state educational institution and to bring such facilities to a state of good repair. Each state educational institution's plan shall be subject to approval by the board of regents.
- (b) The board of regents shall develop a comprehensive Kansas campus restoration plan that includes facilities from each state educational institution's plan as approved by the board of regents.
- (c) The board of regents shall ensure that facilities located on the Kansas state university polytechnic campus in Salina, Kansas, and the university of Kansas Edwards campus in Overland Park, Kansas, are not excluded from direct participation in the Kansas campus restoration plan.
- (d) The Kansas campus restoration plan shall encourage, and the board of regents may require, a reduction of total campus square footage in a project associated with such plan.
- Sec. 5. The board of regents shall develop and approve a formula for the distribution of moneys from the Kansas campus restoration fund in accordance with the Kansas campus restoration plan developed and approved pursuant to section 4, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 6. The board of regents is hereby authorized to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of the Kansas campus restoration act and shall adopt rules and regulations to define:
- (a) "Educational mission-critical facilities." Such definition may include, but not be limited to, any facility of a research or economic generation capacity that the board of regents deems essential. Such definition shall not include auxiliary or athletic-funded facilities; and
- (b) "state of good repair." Such definition shall be of an industry standard and shall be presented to the joint committee on state building construction for review.
- Sec. 7. The board of regents shall submit a report annually on or before the first day of the regular session of the legislature on the progress of the Kansas campus restoration plan to the senate committee on ways and means, the house of representatives committee on appropriations, the house of representatives higher education budget committee and the joint committee on state building construction.
- Sec. 8. The provisions of sections 1 through 8, and amendments thereto, shall expire on July 1, 2035.
- Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023, and its publication in the statute book.