

## HOUSE BILL No. 2013

By Legislative Educational Planning Committee

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AN ACT concerning the state scholarship program; affecting the amount of awards made under the program; amending K.S.A. 72-6810, 72-6812, 72-6814 and 72-6815 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 72-6810 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6810. As used in this act: (a) "State scholarship" means an award under this act by this state to a state scholar who has established financial need.

(b) "State scholar" means a full-time, in-state student who has exhibited scholastic ability and who is initially acceptable for entering an eligible institution or who has so entered and is in good standing and making satisfactory progress.

(c) "Full-time, in-state student" means a person who is a resident of Kansas and who is enrolled at an eligible institution in an educational program for at least 12 hours each semester or the equivalent thereof, or who is regularly enrolled at an eligible institution in a vocational or technical education program. The board of regents shall determine the number of hours for terms or program periods other than semesters to constitute the equivalent of 12 hours.

(d) "Financial need" means the difference between the available financial resources of a student and ~~such~~ *the* student's total anticipated expenses to attend an eligible institution. A student's financial resources shall ~~include (1) four hundred and fifty dollars each year from the student's own work and resources, and (2) a contribution from the income and assets of the student's parents, if sufficient, as be determined by a completed financial needs analysis statement and based upon the accepted on the basis of criteria of a nationally recognized financial needs analysis agency provided under the federal methodology of need analysis.~~ Financial need shall be ~~redetermined~~ *determined* annually.

(e) "Eligible institution" means an institution of postsecondary education which maintains open enrollment, the main campus or principal place of operation of which is located in Kansas, and which qualifies as an eligible institution ~~for the federal guaranteed loan program under the higher education act of 1965 (P.L. 89-329), as amended.~~

(f) "Open enrollment" means the policy of an institution of postse-

1 condary education which provides the opportunity of enrollment for any  
2 student who meets its academic and other reasonable enrollment require-  
3 ments, without regard for race, gender, religion, creed, *ethnicity* or na-  
4 tional origin.

5 (g) “Board of regents” means the state board of regents provided for  
6 in the constitution of this state and ~~described~~ *established under the pro-*  
7 *visions contained* in article 32 of chapter 74 of Kansas Statutes Annotated.

8 (h) “Term” means one of two or more *substantially equivalent* divi-  
9 sions of ~~an~~ *the* academic year of an institution of postsecondary education  
10 ~~in which substantially all courses begin and end at substantially the same~~  
11 ~~time and~~ during which instruction is regularly given to students.

12 (i) “Semester” means one of two principal terms, when there are only  
13 two principal terms in the academic year, whether or not there are other  
14 shorter terms during the same academic year.

15 (j) “Program period” means the duration of the period of time, or  
16 any division thereof, required for completion of a vocational or technical  
17 education program which is given in an institution of postsecondary  
18 education.

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-6812 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-

20 6812. (a) The amount of a state scholarship awarded to a state scholar for  
21 the fall and spring semesters, or the equivalent thereof, shall be the  
22 amount of the state scholar’s financial need for the period, except that  
23 state scholarships awarded to a state scholar in any year shall not exceed:

24 ~~—(1) Five hundred dollars in any year if the state scholar initially is or~~  
25 ~~was awarded a state scholarship for any program period, term or semester~~  
26 ~~commencing prior to July 1, 1985; and~~

27 ~~—(2) one thousand dollars in any year if the state scholar initially is~~  
28 ~~awarded a state scholarship for any program period, term or semester~~  
29 ~~commencing after July 1, 1985~~ *an amount equal to 75% of the average*  
30 *amount of the total tuition and required fees of full-time, in-state students*  
31 *who are enrolled at the state educational institutions.*

32 (b) When state scholarships are awarded to a state scholar for any  
33 program period or for one or more terms that are not semesters, the  
34 board of regents shall determine the equivalent of the fall and spring  
35 semesters.

36 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 72-6814 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-  
37 6814. The board of regents shall administer this act and shall:

38 (a) Publicize *the state scholarship program and provide information*  
39 *regarding* application procedures;

40 (b) provide application forms, test forms, and forms for determining  
41 financial need;

42 (c) adopt rules and regulations for determining educational ability,  
43 selecting examinations of educational ability and methods for giving such

1 examinations, selecting state scholars, determining financial need, select-  
2 ~~ing financial needs analysis agencies~~, determining *the average amount of*  
3 *tuition and fees required of full-time, in-state students for enrollment at*  
4 *the state educational institutions, determining* priority or apportionment  
5 of state scholarships and other matters necessary for the administration  
6 of this act. The board of regents may provide for apportionment of state  
7 scholarships if the appropriations for state scholarships are insufficient to  
8 pay all state scholars with financial need. To determine who is an in-state  
9 student for the purpose of this act, the board of regents shall adopt rules  
10 and regulations for determination of residence of students as provided by  
11 law;

12 (d) designate and notify each state scholar;

13 (e) approve and award state scholarships;

14 (f) *evaluate the state scholarship program annually and make an an-*  
15 ~~nual~~ a report *thereon* to the governor and legislature, ~~and evaluate the~~  
16 ~~state scholarship program~~ for the period; *and*

17 (g) require any eligible institution to promptly furnish any informa-  
18 tion which the board of regents requests relating to administration or  
19 effect of this act.

20 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 72-6815 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-  
21 6815. Each applicant for a state scholarship in accordance with the rules  
22 and regulations of the board of regents shall:

23 (a) Be responsible for the submission to the board of regents of the  
24 results of an examination of educational ability which is given by the board  
25 of regents or in a manner approved by the board of regents;

26 (b) complete and file an application for a state scholarship;

27 (c) ~~Be responsible for the submission of a financial needs analysis~~  
28 ~~statement to the board of regents;~~

29 ~~(d)~~ report promptly to the board of regents *and to the eligible insti-*  
30 *tution at which the applicant is enrolled or enrolling* any information  
31 requested relating to administration of this act; *and*

32 ~~(e)~~ (d) file a new application ~~and financial needs analysis statement~~  
33 annually on the basis of which ~~his or her~~ *the applicant's* eligibility for a  
34 state scholarship shall be evaluated and determined.

35 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 72-6810, 72-6812, 72-6814 and 72-6815 are hereby  
36 repealed.

37 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
38 publication in the statute book.

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