

HOUSE BILL No. 2018

By Legislative Educational Planning Committee

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AN ACT concerning the state educational institutions; relating to qualification of students for admission; amending K.S.A. 76-717 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 76-717 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-717. (a) The board of regents may adopt rules and regulations for the admission of students at the state educational institutions. Effective for the 2001-02 academic year and thereafter, the rules and regulations shall include the following:

(1) Each Kansas resident who has graduated *or will graduate* from an accredited Kansas high school and who is seeking admission to a state educational institution shall be admitted if the applicant for admission has achieved at least one of the following:

(A) The applicant has completed the precollege curriculum prescribed by the board of regents with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or has been recognized by the board of regents as having attained a functionally equivalent level of education; or

(B) the applicant has a composite American college testing program (ACT) score of not less than 21 points *or a SAT-I recentered score of not less than 990 points*; or

(C) the applicant ranks in the top $\frac{1}{3}$ of the applicant's high school class upon completion of seven or eight semesters.

(2) Admission to all state educational institutions shall be granted to each Kansas resident under 21 years of age who has earned the general educational development (GED) certificate ~~with an overall score of not less than 50 points.~~

(3) Admission to all state educational institutions shall remain open for each Kansas resident who is 21 years of age or older and who has:

(A) Graduated from an accredited Kansas high school; or

(B) earned the general educational development (GED) certificate ~~with an overall score of not less than 50 points.~~

(4) Each state educational institution shall establish and maintain a policy permitting the admission of not more than 10% of the total number of freshman class admissions to the state educational institution as excep-

1 tions to the minimum admissions standards prescribed by this section.
2 These exceptions shall ~~only~~ be applied *only* to students who are *deter-*
3 *mined to be* bona fide residents of Kansas in accordance with rules and
4 regulations of the board of regents ~~and~~, which rules and regulations are
5 substantially similar to law, rule or regulation relative to the determination
6 of resident status for tuition purposes. The board of regents shall adopt
7 rules and regulations prescribing criteria and guidelines to be applied on
8 a system-wide basis to policies established by the state educational insti-
9 tutions for the purpose of permitting freshman class admissions to the
10 institutions as exceptions to the minimum admissions standards pre-
11 scribed by this section and shall submit an annual report to the legislature
12 containing the number and percentage of freshman class admissions per-
13 mitted as exceptions to such standards. The information contained in the
14 annual report shall be disaggregated by institution.

15 (5) Each Kansas resident who has earned at least 24 credit hours of
16 transferable course work with a cumulative grade point average of not
17 less than 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at an accredited community college, university
18 or other college shall be admitted as a transfer student to the state edu-
19 cational institutions.

20 (6) Each person who is not a resident of Kansas and who has grad-
21 uated from an accredited high school may be admitted as a freshman to
22 any of the state educational institutions if the person has achieved at least
23 one of the following:

24 (A) The person has completed the precollege curriculum prescribed
25 by the board of regents with a minimum grade point average of 2.50 on
26 a 4.0 scale or has been recognized by the board of regents as having
27 attained a functionally equivalent level of education; or

28 (B) the person has a composite American college testing program
29 (ACT) score of not less than 21 points *or a SAT-I recentered score of not*
30 *less than 990 points*; or

31 (C) the person ranks in the top $\frac{1}{3}$ of the person's high school class
32 upon completion of seven or eight semesters.

33 (7) Each person who is not a resident of Kansas and who has earned
34 at least 24 credit hours of transferable course work with a cumulative
35 grade point average of not less than 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at an accredited
36 community college, university or other college may be admitted as a trans-
37 fer student to any of the state educational institutions.

38 (b) The board of regents may prescribe a precollege curriculum
39 which includes, but need not be limited to, four units of English, three
40 units of mathematics, three units of social studies, three units of natural
41 science, and one unit in the field of computer technology which is de-
42 signed for the development of computer literacy including a basic un-
43 derstanding of computer operations, applications and programming.

1 (c) When a Kansas high school is organized in a manner that provides
2 for documentation of a student's performance in terms other than units
3 of credit or grade point averages, or both, the board of regents shall
4 determine for the students of such school a level of education that is
5 functionally equivalent to the completion of the precollege curriculum
6 with a grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. The determination of a
7 functionally equivalent level of education required under this subsection
8 shall be made by the board of regents after consultation with the state
9 board of education and the board of education or other governing au-
10 thority having jurisdiction over the students of the affected school.

11 (d) The board of regents shall determine a level of education that is
12 functionally equivalent to the completion of the precollege curriculum
13 with a grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale for persons who are not
14 residents of Kansas.

15 (e) The board of regents may authorize the chief executive officer of
16 each state educational institution to adopt additional rules and policies
17 relating to admissions of students so long as such rules and policies are
18 not in conflict with the provisions of this section.

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 76-717 is hereby repealed.

20 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
21 publication in the statute book.

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