

## HOUSE BILL No. 2349

By Committee on Higher Education

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AN ACT requiring the legislative educational planning committee to conduct a study of the state system for delivery of vocational and technical education.

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

Section 1. (a) The legislative educational planning committee shall conduct during the interim between the 2001 and 2002 sessions of the legislature a comprehensive study of the state system for delivery of vocational and technical education to students. In conducting the study, the legislative educational planning committee shall address the following issues:

(1) Governance and mission of area vocational schools, area vocational-technical schools and technical colleges, including the structure of present governing boards and whether such schools and colleges should be free-standing institutions under differently-structured governing boards;

(2) coordination and cooperation among and between such schools and colleges and among and between such schools and colleges with other institutions of postsecondary education in the state, including articulation and transfer policies and procedures;

(3) effectiveness of such schools and colleges, including responsiveness to the needs and priorities of students and the state's work force;

(4) the array of academic, vocational and technical programs offered by such schools and colleges, including any unnecessary duplication in such programs;

(5) the costs of providing programs by such schools and colleges to students and to the state, including the reasonableness of such costs, efficient use of resources, and levels of spending for instruction, administration, and plant maintenance and operation;

(6) student performance, including graduation rates, dropout rates and career success;

(7) class size, enrollment projections and instructor experience and training;

(8) structure of the funding system for such schools and colleges, including sources, amounts, allocation and distribution and whether the

1 structure of the funding system should be altered by such measures as  
2 increased state financial assistance and delegating authority to governing  
3 boards to levy taxes and incur bonded debt;

4 (9) the feasibility of consolidation and merger among and between  
5 such schools and colleges and among and between such schools and col-  
6 leges with other institutions of postsecondary education in the state.

7 (b) Upon completion of its study, the legislative educational planning  
8 committee shall prepare a report containing its findings, together with  
9 any legislation or recommendations for legislation deemed necessary to  
10 ensure appropriateness of mission and governance, operational and struc-  
11 tural soundness, and adequate and equitable funding of the state system  
12 for delivery of vocational and technical education. The report shall be  
13 submitted to the legislature upon commencement of the 2002 session.

14 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
15 publication in the statute book.

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