

## HOUSE BILL No. 2426

By Representative DiVita

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AN ACT concerning the state educational institutions; relating to qualification of students for admission; amending K.S.A. 72-116, as amended by section 1 of 1996 House Bill No. 2668, and 76-717 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 72-116 as amended by section 1 of 1996 House Bill No. 2668 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-116. Any person who *is a Kansas resident, who* completes a four-year course of study in any high school ~~accredited by the state board of education, attendance at which high school satisfies the requirements of K.S.A. 72-1111, and amendments thereto,~~ and who meets the admission requirements established by the state board of regents pursuant to K.S.A. 76-717, and amendments thereto, shall be entitled to admission to the freshman class of the state educational institutions which are under the control and supervision of the state board of regents upon presenting a statement containing a transcript of the high school record of the person signed by the principal of the school or superintendent of the school district and certifying that the person has satisfactorily completed the course requirements of the state board of education necessary for graduation from high school.

Sec. 2. 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~~ a high school, *attendance at which high school satisfies the requirements of K.S.A. 72-1111, and amendments thereto,* 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

1 attained a functionally equivalent level of education; or

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

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

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

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

13 (A) Graduated from ~~an accredited Kansas~~ a high school, *attendance*  
14 *at which high school satisfies the requirements of K.S.A. 72-1111, and*  
15 *amendments thereto*; or

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

18 (4) Each state educational institution shall establish and maintain a  
19 policy permitting the admission of not more than 10% of the total number  
20 of freshman class admissions to the state educational institution as excep-  
21 tions to the minimum admissions standards prescribed by this section.  
22 These exceptions shall ~~only~~ be applied *only* to students who are *deter-*  
23 *mined to be* bona fide residents of Kansas in accordance with rules and  
24 regulations of the board of regents ~~and~~, which rules and regulations are  
25 substantially similar to law, rule or regulation relative to the determination  
26 of resident status for tuition purposes. The board of regents shall adopt  
27 rules and regulations prescribing criteria and guidelines to be applied on  
28 a system-wide basis to policies established by the state educational insti-  
29 tutions for the purpose of permitting freshman class admissions to the  
30 institutions as exceptions to the minimum admissions standards pre-  
31 scribed by this section and shall submit an annual report to the legislature  
32 containing the number and percentage of freshman class admissions per-  
33 mitted as exceptions to such standards. The information contained in the  
34 annual report shall be disaggregated by institution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (c) When a ~~Kansas~~ high school is organized in a manner that provides  
22 for documentation of a student's performance in terms other than units  
23 of credit or grade point averages, or both, the board of regents shall  
24 determine for the students of such school a level of education that is  
25 functionally equivalent to the completion of the precollege curriculum  
26 with a grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. The determination of a  
27 functionally equivalent level of education required under this subsection  
28 shall be made by the board of regents after consultation with the state  
29 board of education and the board of education or other governing au-  
30 thority having jurisdiction over the students of the affected school.

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

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

39 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 72-116 as amended by section 1 of 1996 House Bill  
40 No. 2668 and 76-717 are hereby repealed.

41 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
42 publication in the statute book.

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