

## SENATE BILL No. 6

By Legislative Educational Planning Committee

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AN ACT concerning the state board of regents; relating to the exercise of its powers, duties and functions with respect to the community colleges; amending K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 74-3202c and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 74-3202c is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-3202c. (a) In the exercise of its leadership role, the state board of regents shall be an advocate for the provision of adequate resources and sufficient authority for all postsecondary educational institutions so that each postsecondary educational institution can realize, within its prescribed mission, role and scope, its full potential to the benefit of the students who attend such postsecondary educational institution and to the benefit of all Kansas residents in terms of receiving the benefits of a highly educated and vocationally trained populace.

(b) In addition to other duties and functions prescribed by law, the state board of regents shall:

(1) Adopt, from time to time amend, revise or modify, and administer a comprehensive plan for coordination of higher education within this state;

(2) determine institutional roles and review institutional missions and goals;

(3) develop articulation procedures so that maximum freedom of transfer among and between postsecondary educational institutions is ensured;

(4) approve or disapprove for state funding purposes existing and proposed educational programs, courses of instruction and out-district program and course locations;

(5) review budget requests and requests for state funding of postsecondary educational institutions and present a unified budget for higher education to the governor and the legislature each year;

(6) approve core indicators of quality performance for postsecondary educational institutions;

(7) resolve conflicts among and between postsecondary educational institutions;

1 (8) develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the utilization  
2 of distance learning technologies;

3 (9) develop each year and recommend to the governor and the leg-  
4 islature a policy agenda for higher education, which policy agenda shall  
5 assess priorities among proposals for policy change, programmatic recom-  
6 mendations, and state funding requests;

7 (10) conduct continuous studies of ways to maximize the utilization  
8 of resources available for higher education in Kansas and initiate action  
9 for improvement;

10 (11) conduct continuous studies of how state policies affect higher  
11 education and how Kansas economic and demographic trends impact  
12 upon accessibility and affordability of postsecondary education to Kansas  
13 residents, and initiate ways to improve such accessibility and affordability;

14 (12) receive and consider reports, proposals and recommendations of  
15 the commissions and take such actions thereon as are deemed necessary  
16 and appropriate;

17 (13) report annually on the performance of its functions and duties  
18 to the governor and the legislature; and

19 (14) exercise such other powers and perform such other functions  
20 and duties as are deemed necessary and appropriate to the fulfillment of  
21 its constitutional and statutory responsibilities.

22 *(c) Notwithstanding any of the powers, duties and functions con-*  
23 *ferred and imposed upon the state board of regents under the Kansas*  
24 *higher education coordination act, the boards of trustees of the commu-*  
25 *nity colleges shall continue to have custody of and be responsible for the*  
26 *property of their respective community colleges and shall be responsible*  
27 *for the operation, management and control of such community colleges,*  
28 *except as otherwise expressly provided by law.*

29 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 74-3202c is hereby repealed.

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

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