

HOUSE BILL No. 2945

By Committee on Appropriations

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9 AN ACT relating to technical colleges; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 72-
10 4470a and repealing the existing section.

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

13 Section 1. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 72-4470a is hereby amended to read
14 as follows: 72-4470a. (a) *Subject to the provisions of subsection (d)*, on or
15 before July 1, 2005, all technical college boards shall develop and present
16 to the state board of regents a plan to replace the governing body de-
17 scribed in K.S.A. 72-4470, and amendments thereto, with a new govern-
18 ing board, which shall be separate and independent of any board of ed-
19 ucation of any school district, to operate, control and manage the technical
20 college. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, provisions relating
21 to:

- 22 (1) The composition of the independent governing board;
- 23 (2) the territory of the technical college. If the territory of the tech-
24 nical college includes more than one county, the plan shall designate a
25 home county;
- 26 (3) the method of election or appointment and the terms of service
27 of the members of the independent governing board;
- 28 (4) the date upon which the independent governing board shall as-
29 sume management and control of the technical college;
- 30 (5) the manner, terms upon which and extent to which the facilities,
31 will be transferred to the independent governing board and the division
32 of other assets and indebtedness and other liabilities; and
- 33 (6) the manner and terms upon which faculty, employees and stu-
34 dents will be transferred to the independent governing board. Subject to
35 the provisions of K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 72-4478, and amendments thereto,
36 such provisions shall specify terms of employment and address other per-
37 sonnel matters.

38 (b) (1) Upon approval of the plan by the state board of regents and
39 the governing body of the technical college which submitted the plan,
40 and on the date determined in the approved plan, the independent gov-
41 erning board established under subsection (a) of this section shall operate
42 subject to the rules, regulations and supervision of the state board of
43 regents in the same manner as other technical colleges, technical schools

1 and area vocational technical schools.

2 (2) *Subject to the provisions of subsection (d), after June 30, 2007, if*
3 *the governing body of the technical college and the state board of regents*
4 *have not approved a plan submitted pursuant to subsection (a), the state*
5 *board of regents shall have the power to approve the plan and upon such*
6 *approval and on the date determined in the approved plan, the inde-*
7 *pendent governing board established pursuant to subsection (a) shall op-*
8 *erate subject to the rules, regulations and supervision of the state board*
9 *of regents in the same manner as other technical colleges, technical*
10 *schools and area vocational technical schools.*

11 (c) In addition to such other powers expressly granted by law and
12 subject to the provisions of subsection (b), the governing board shall have
13 the power to:

14 (1) Determine the vocational, technology and general education
15 courses of instruction that will comprise the associate of applied science
16 degree programs of the college;

17 (2) establish the requirements for satisfactory completion of the as-
18 sociate of applied science degree programs of the college;

19 (3) confer the associate of applied science degree upon students who
20 successfully complete an associate of applied science degree program of
21 the college and to award a certificate or diploma to students who suc-
22 cessfully complete a vocational education program of the college; and

23 (4) appoint teaching staff and to fix and determine teacher qualifi-
24 cations, duties and compensation. No teacher appointed to teach courses
25 comprising the associate of applied science degree programs of the col-
26 lege shall be required to meet certification requirements greater than
27 those required in the state educational institutions.

28 (d) *The provisions of this section shall apply only to technical colleges*
29 *that have sent to the state board of regents a resolution adopted on or*
30 *after July 1, 2004, that notifies the state board of regents that the govern-*
31 *ing body of the technical college has approved having the technical college*
32 *be covered by the provisions of this section. If the governing body of a*
33 *technical college on July 1, 2003, was the board of education of a school*
34 *district, such school district board is the only governing body which may*
35 *grant the approval specified by this subsection.*

36 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 72-4470a is hereby repealed.

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