

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6005

By Committee on Higher Education

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A RESOLUTION providing for certain reports by the state board of regents; relating to state financial assistance; providing for the examination of tuition rates at certain educational institutions.

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That, by January 1, 2005, the state board of regents shall report to the governor and legislature regarding an assessment of the value of state financial assistance to students at nonpublic higher education institutions in Kansas. Such assessment shall include:

(a) The total amount of the state financial assistance to students at each nonpublic institution and the number of students served;

(b) an evaluation of whether such state financial assistance would provide greater benefit to the state of Kansas and its citizens if allocated to provide tuition assistance to students attending institutions supervised by the board of regents; and

(c) such other information as the board of regents determines is necessary to accurately determine the value of continuing state financial assistance to nonpublic higher education institutions and students.

By January 1, 2005, the state board of regents shall also report to the governor and legislature regarding an assessment of the value of state financial aid to municipal universities. Such assessment shall include the following:

(1) The benefits to the state and its citizens of the value of such state financial aid;

(2) such assessment shall also include a recommendation whether such aid shall be increased, decreased or targeted to one or more specific degree programs which benefit the state's citizens as a whole;

(3) such assessment shall also include a report on the success or inadequacies of coordination between the state board of regents and the municipal university's governing body, including any recommendations for statutory changes.

On or before January 1, 2005, the state board of regents shall also report to the governor and legislature regarding an examination of tuition rates at off-main campus facilities of higher education institutions supervised by the state board of regents. Such assessment shall address whether

1 the lack of access to recreation, health care and other facilities and serv-  
2 ices at main campus facilities justify lower tuition and fees for off-main  
3 campus facilities than main campus facilities.

4 On or before January 1, 2005, the state board of regents shall report  
5 viable alternatives to providing state aid to institutions based on credit  
6 hours. The board shall consider whether alternative funding mechanisms  
7 will better focus available aid on student progress toward degree com-  
8 pletion; enable institutions to invest in faculty, equipment and facilities  
9 to provide optimum student education opportunities; and such other cri-  
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