

HOUSE BILL No. 2202

By Committee on K-12 Education Budget

Requested by Representative McDonald on behalf of Kathryn Meinhardt of Dream Acres FASD Community and Kansas FASD Support Network

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1 AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to the state board
2 of regents; requiring postsecondary educational institutions to equip
3 certain pre-service teachers with essential knowledge and skills to
4 support children affected by fetal alcohol syndrome disorder.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) The state board of regents and each postsecondary
8 educational institution shall ensure that pre-service teachers in the fields
9 of early childhood, elementary, secondary and special education, are
10 equipped with essential knowledge and skills to support children affected
11 by fetal alcohol syndrome disorder, including, but not limited to:

12 (1) The common signs of and behaviors associated with fetal alcohol
13 syndrome disorders;

14 (2) the impacts of fetal alcohol syndrome disorders upon learning and
15 behavior; and

16 (3) techniques for communicating with a parent or guardian about a
17 suspected fetal alcohol syndrome disorder, educational intervention efforts
18 and whether an evaluation for special education and related services is
19 warranted.

20 (b) As used in this section:

21 (1) "Pre-service teacher" means an individual who is receiving the
22 education and training to become a licensed teacher but is not yet licensed.

23 (2) "Postsecondary educational institution" means any:

24 (A) State educational institution as defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and
25 amendments thereto;

26 (B) municipal university;

27 (C) community college; or

28 (D) not-for-profit institution of postsecondary education that has its
29 main campus or principal place of operation in Kansas, is operated
30 independently and not controlled or administered by a state agency or
31 subdivision of this state, maintains open enrollment and is accredited by a
32 nationally recognized accrediting agency for higher education in the
33 United States.

34 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

- 1 publication in the statute book.