Session of 2025

## SENATE BILL No. 50

By Committee on Education

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AN ACT concerning education; relating to the state board of regents; 1 2 establishing uniform interest rate provisions for scholarship programs that include repayment obligations as a condition of receiving a 3 4 scholarship; authorizing the board to recover the costs of collecting 5 such repayment obligations and to charge fees for the costs of 6 administering scholarship, grant and other financial assistance programs; requiring eligible students to enter into agreements with the 7 8 state board of regents instead of a postsecondary educational institution 9 as a condition to receiving a grant under the adult learner grant act; 10 amending K.S.A. 74-3260, 74-3267, 74-3272, 74-32,104, 74-32,116, 74-32,135, 74-32,153, 74-32,154 and 74-32,223 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 11 74-3295, 74-32,276 and 74-32,286 and repealing the existing sections. 12

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

New Section 1. (a) On and after July 1, 2025, for any repayment obligation owed by an individual, the applicable interest rate shall be<u>5%</u> per\_annum equivalent to the interest rate applicable to loans made under the federal PLUS program at the time such individual enters into an agreement that includes such repayment obligation if such repayment obligation:

(1) Arises under any scholarship, grant or other student financial aid
 program established in article 32 of chapter 74 of the Kansas Statutes
 Annotated, and amendments thereto, or under any agreement entered into
 pursuant thereto; and

(2) requires the payment of interest pursuant to the terms of the
statute or agreement under which the individual received the scholarship,
grant or other student financial aid.

(b) No interest for such scholarship, grant, or other student financial
aid shall begin to accrue earlier than the date that the individual becomes
required to repay such scholarship, grant or other student financial aid to
the state board of regents, as determined by the state board of regents.

(c) The interest rate established in subsection (a) and the accrual date determined under subsection (b) shall apply to repayment obligations arising in relation to any scholarship, grant or other student financial aid distributed prior to July 1, 2025, pursuant to any scholarship, grant or other student financial aid program established in article 32 of chapter 74 of the 1 Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

2 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impose an interest 3 rate:

4 (1) In excess of the interest rate specified in either the applicable 5 statute at the time an individual received the scholarship, grant or other 6 student financial aid relating to the repayment obligation or the agreement 7 between the individual and an educational institution, a sponsor or the 8 state board of regents; or

9 (2) upon amounts owed to the state board of regents by educational 10 institutions, sponsors or amounts owed to educational institutions or 11 sponsors by the state board of regents.

12 (e) No individual shall be entitled to a refund for amounts paid to the 13 state board of regents before July 1, 2025.

New Sec. 2. The state board of regents may recover the reasonable costs of collection, including, but not limited to, court costs, attorney fees and collection agency fees, from any individual who is subject to a repayment obligation arising under any scholarship, grant or other student financial aid program established in article 32 of chapter 74 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or under any agreement entered into pursuant thereto.

21 New Sec. 3. The chief executive officer of the state board of regents 22 may fix, charge and collect fees for the processing of applications and 23 other activities related to the administration of student financial assistance 24 programs administered by the state board of regents. Such fees shall be 25 fixed in amounts to recover all or a part of the direct and indirect operating expenses incurred for administering such programs. All moneys received 26 by the state board of regents from the payment of such fees shall be 27 28 deposited in the state treasury in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4215, and 29 amendments thereto, and shall be credited to the financial aid services fee 30 fund of the state board of regents.

31 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 74-3260 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-32 3260. (a) Upon the failure of any person, who as an eligible student 33 qualified for and received payments under an ROTC service scholarship, 34 to remain eligible and qualified or to satisfy the obligation to accept a 35 commission and serve as an officer in the Kansas national guard for the 36 required period of time under an agreement entered into pursuant to this 37 act, such person shall pay to the state of Kansas an amount equal to the 38 total amount of payments-received by disbursed on behalf of such person 39 plus accrued interest from the date such payments were received at a rate 40 which is equivalent to the interest rate applicable to loans made under the 41 federal PLUS program at the time such person first entered into an-42 agreement plus five percentage points accrual date determined under 43 section 1, and amendments thereto, and at the rate prescribed in section 1,

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1 and amendments thereto. Such payment shall commence within 30 days, and be completed within five years, after the date of the act or 2 3 circumstance that causes the failure of the person to remain eligible and 4 qualified or to satisfy the obligation of such agreement. Payments under 5 this section shall be installment payments and each such installment shall 6 be not less than an amount equal to  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the total amount-which that 7 would be required to be paid if paid in five equal annual installments. If an 8 installment payment becomes 91 days overdue, the entire amount 9 outstanding shall become immediately due and payable, including all 10 interest at the rate prescribed in section 1, and amendments thereto. Amounts paid under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury 11 12 and credited to the ROTC service scholarship repayment fund as provided 13 in K.S.A. 74-3260a, and amendments thereto.

(b) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any repayment account arising under the ROTC service scholarship program over to a designated loan servicer or collection agency, the state not being involved other than to receive payments from the loan servicer or collection agency at the interest rate prescribed—under this section *in section 1, and amendments thereto*.

20 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 74-3267 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-21 3267. (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 74-3268, and 22 amendments thereto, upon the failure of any person to satisfy the 23 obligation to engage in the full-time or part-time practice of medicine and 24 surgery within the state of Kansas for the required period of time under an 25 agreement entered into as provided in K.S.A. 74-3266, and amendments 26 thereto, such person shall repay to the state board of regents an amount equal to the total of (1): 27

(A) The amount of money received by such person pursuant to such agreement; plus-(2)

30 (*B*) accrued interest from the date such money was received at a rate 31 which is equivalent to the interest rate applicable to loans made under the 32 federal PLUS program at the time such person first entered into an 33 agreement plus five percentage points accrual date determined under 34 section 1, and amendments thereto, and at the rate prescribed in section 1, 35 and amendments thereto.

36 (2) Any person who applies for and enters a postgraduate residency 37 training program that is not an approved program as provided in this 38 section shall be required to repay all moneys-received disbursed on behalf 39 of such person as provided in an agreement entered into under K.S.A. 74-40 3266, and amendments thereto, plus accrued interest from the date such 41 moneys were received at a rate which is equivalent to the interest rate-42 applicable to loans made under the federal PLUS program at the time such 43 person first entered into an agreement plus five percentage points accrual

1 *date determined under section 1, and amendments thereto, and at the rate* 2 *prescribed in section 1, and amendments thereto,* and shall commence 3 such repayment in accordance with subsection (b) within 90 days of 4 graduation from the school of osteopathic medicine or upon termination or 5 completion of a residency training program-which that does not comply 6 with the provisions of this act, whichever is later.

7 (3) Any person who enters and completes an approved postgraduate 8 residency training program but fails to satisfy the obligation to engage in 9 the full-time or part-time practice of medicine and surgery for the required 10 period of time shall be required to repay all money-received disbursed on behalf of such person pursuant to an agreement entered into under K.S.A. 11 12 74-3266, and amendments thereto, plus accrued interest from the date such 13 money was received at a rate which is equivalent to the interest rate-14 applicable to loans made under the federal PLUS program at the time such 15 person first entered into an agreement plus five percentage points accrual 16 date determined under section 1, and amendments thereto, and at the rate prescribed in section 1, and amendments thereto, and shall commence 17 18 such repayment in accordance with subsection (b) within 90 days of failure 19 to satisfy the obligation.

20 (b) Each person required to repay any amount under this section shall 21 repay an amount totaling the entire amount to be repaid under all such 22 agreements for which obligations are not satisfied, including all amounts 23 of interest at the rate prescribed in section 1, and amendments thereto. 24 Except as otherwise provided in this section, such repayment shall be in 25 installment payments and each such installment shall be not less than an 26 amount equal to  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the total amount which that would be required to be 27 paid if repaid in five equal annual installments.

28 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subparts (2) and (3) of subsection (a) subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3), all installment payments under this 29 30 section shall commence six months after the date of the action or 31 circumstance that causes the failure of the person to satisfy the obligations 32 of such agreements, as determined by the state board of regents based 33 upon the circumstances of each individual case. If an installment payment 34 becomes 91 days overdue, the entire amount outstanding shall become 35 immediately due and payable, including all amounts of interest at the rate 36 prescribed in section 1, and amendments thereto.

(d) The total repayment obligation imposed under all agreements
entered into as provided in K.S.A. 74-3266, and amendments thereto, may
be satisfied at any time prior to graduation from the accredited school of
osteopathic medicine by making a single lump sum payment equal to the
total of:

42 (1) The entire amount to be repaid under all such agreements upon 43 failure to satisfy the obligations under such agreements to practice in 1 Kansas;; plus

2 (2) all amounts of interest accrued thereon at the rate prescribed 3 under this section *l*, and amendments thereto.

4 (e) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any repayment 5 account arising under the osteopathic medical service scholarship program 6 over to a designated loan servicer or collection agency, the state not being 7 involved other than to receive payments from the loan servicer or 8 collection agency at the interest rate prescribed—under this section *in* 9 *section 1, and amendments thereto*.

10 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 74-3272 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-3272. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) and in K.S.A. 74-11 12 3273, and amendments thereto, upon the failure of any person to satisfy 13 the obligation to engage in the full-time or part-time practice of optometry within the state of Kansas for the required period of time under an 14 agreement entered into pursuant to K.S.A. 74-3271, and amendments 15 16 thereto, such person shall repay to the state board of regents an amount 17 equal to the total of:

18 (1) The amount of money paid by the state board of regents for 19 guaranteed admission and continued enrollment of such person in an 20 accredited school or college of optometry pursuant to a contract entered 21 into therefor under K.S.A. 76-721a, and amendments thereto<sub>5</sub>; plus

(2) accrued interest from the date such money was paid pursuant to
 such contract at a rate which is equivalent to the interest rate applicable to
 loans made under the federal PLUS program at the time such person first
 entered into an agreement plus five percentage points accrual date
 determined under section 1, and amendments thereto, and at the rate
 prescribed in section 1, and amendments thereto.

28 (b) Each person required to repay any amount under this section shall 29 repay an amount totaling the entire amount to be repaid under such 30 agreement for which such obligation is not satisfied, including all interest 31 at the rate prescribed in section 1, and amendments thereto. Except as 32 otherwise provided in this section, such repayment shall be in installment 33 payments and each such installment shall be not less than an amount equal 34 to  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the total amount which that would be required to be paid if repaid 35 in five equal annual installments.

36 (c) All installment payments under this section shall commence six 37 months after the date of the action or circumstance that causes the failure 38 of the person to satisfy the obligations of such agreement, as determined 39 by the state board of regents based upon the circumstances of each 40 individual case. If an installment payment becomes 91 days overdue, the entire amount outstanding shall become immediately due and payable, 41 including all interest at the rate prescribed in section 1, and amendments 42 43 thereto.

1 (d) The total repayment obligation imposed under an agreement 2 entered into pursuant to K.S.A. 74-3271, and amendments thereto, may be 3 satisfied at any time prior to graduation from the accredited school or 4 college of optometry by making a single lump-sum payment equal to the 5 total of:

6 7 (1) The entire amount to be repaid under such agreement upon failure to satisfy the obligation to practice optometry in Kansas; plus

8 (2) all interest thereon at the rate prescribed to the date of payment *in* 9 *section 1, and amendments thereto*.

10 (e) If a person fails to satisfy an obligation to engage in the full-time or part-time practice of optometry in Kansas for the required period of 11 time under an agreement entered into pursuant to K.S.A. 74-3271, and 12 amendments thereto, because such person is engaged in the practice of 13 14 optometry in a state other than Kansas, and if such person is subject to or 15 currently making repayments under this section, and if such person 16 subsequently commences the practice of optometry in this state which 17 complies with the agreements entered into under such statute, the balance 18 of the repayment amount, including interest thereon, from the time of such 19 commencement of practice until the obligation of such person is satisfied. 20 or until the time such person again becomes subject to repayments, shall 21 be waived. All repayment amounts due prior to such commencement of 22 practice in this state, including interest thereon, shall continue to be 23 payable as provided in this section. If subsequent to such commencement 24 of practice, the person fails to satisfy such obligation, the person again 25 shall be subject to repayments, including interest thereon, as otherwise 26 provided in this section.

(f) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any repayment account arising under the optometry service scholarship program over to a designated loan servicer or collection agency, the state not being involved other than to receive payments from the loan servicer or collection agency at the interest rate prescribed—under this section in section 1, and amendments thereto.

33 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 74-3295 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-3295. (a) Except as provided in K.S.A. 74-3296, and 34 amendments thereto, upon the failure of any person to satisfy the 35 36 obligation under any agreement entered into pursuant to the nursing 37 service scholarship program, such person shall pay to the executive officer 38 an amount equal to the total amount of money-received by disbursed on 39 behalf of such person pursuant to such agreement that was financed by the 40 state of Kansas plus accrued interest-at a rate of 5% per annum. Interest 41 shall begin to accrue on the date of the action or circumstances that cause 42 such person to fail to satisfy the obligations of such agreement, as-43 determined by the executive officer based upon the eircumstances of each

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individual case from the accrual date determined under section 1, and 1 2 amendments thereto, and at the rate prescribed in section 1, and 3 amendments thereto. Installment payments of any such amounts may be 4 made in accordance with rules and regulations of the state board of regents. Such installment payments shall commence six months after the 5 6 date on which interest begins to accrue. Amounts paid under this section to 7 the executive officer shall be deposited in the nursing service scholarship 8 repayment fund in accordance with K.S.A. 74-3298, and amendments 9 thereto.

10 (b) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any repayment 11 account arising under the nursing service scholarship program over to a 12 designated loan servicer or collection agency, the state not being involved 13 other than to receive payments from the loan servicer or collection agency 14 at the interest rate prescribed <u>under this</u> *in* section *1, and amendments* 15 *thereto*.

16 K.S.A. 74-32,104 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-Sec. 8. 32,104. (a) Except as provided in K.S.A. 74-32,105, and amendments 17 18 thereto, upon the failure of any person to satisfy the obligation under any 19 agreement entered into pursuant to the teacher service scholarship 20 program, such person shall pay to the executive officer an amount equal to 21 the total amount of money-received by disbursed on behalf of such person 22 pursuant to such agreement plus accrued interest-at a rate which is 23 equivalent to the interest rate applicable to loans made under the federal 24 PLUS program at the time such person first entered into an agreement plus 25 five percentage points from the accrual date determined under section 1. 26 and amendments thereto, and at the rate prescribed in section 1, and 27 amendments thereto. Amounts of payment under this section shall be 28 adjusted proportionately for full years of the obligation that have been 29 satisfied. Installment payments of any such amounts may be made in 30 accordance with the provisions of the agreement entered into by the 31 scholarship recipient or if no such provisions exist in such agreement, in 32 accordance with rules and regulations of the state board of regents, except 33 that such installment payments shall commence six months after the date 34 of the action or circumstances that cause the failure of the person to satisfy 35 the obligations of such agreements, as determined by the executive officer 36 based upon the circumstances of each individual case. Amounts paid under 37 this section to the executive officer shall be deposited in the teacher 38 service scholarship repayment fund in accordance with K.S.A. 74-32,107, 39 and amendments thereto.

(b) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any repayment
account arising under the teacher service scholarship program over to a
designated loan servicer or collection agency, the state not being involved
other than to receive payments from the loan servicer or collection agency

1 at the interest rate prescribed under this section in section 1, and 2 amendments thereto.

3 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 74-32,116 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-32,116. (a) Except as provided in K.S.A. 74-32,117, and amendments 4 5 thereto, upon the failure of a person to satisfy any obligation under an 6 agreement entered into in accordance with the Kansas ethnic minority 7 fellowship program, such person shall pay to the executive officer an 8 amount equal to the total amount of money-received by disbursed on 9 behalf of such person pursuant to such agreement plus accrued interest 10 from the date such money was received at a rate which is equivalent to the interest rate applicable to loans made under the federal PLUS program at 11 12 the time such person first entered into an agreement plus five percentage points accrual date determined under section 1, and amendments thereto, 13 and at the rate prescribed in section 1, and amendments thereto. Amounts 14 of payment under this section shall be adjusted proportionately for full 15 16 years of performance of the obligations that have been satisfied. 17 Installment payments of any such amounts may be made in accordance 18 with the provisions of the agreement entered into by the fellowship 19 recipient or if no such provisions exist in such agreement, in accordance 20 with rules and regulations of the state board of regents, except that such 21 installment payments shall commence six months after the date of the 22 action or circumstances that cause the failure of the person to satisfy the 23 obligations of such agreements, as determined by the executive officer 24 based upon the circumstances of each individual case. Amounts paid under 25 this section to the executive officer shall be deposited in the Kansas ethnic 26 minority fellowship program fund in accordance with K.S.A. 74-32,119, 27 and amendments thereto.

(b) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any repayment account arising under the Kansas ethnic minority fellowship program over to a designated loan servicer or collection agency, the state not being involved other than to receive payments from the loan servicer or collection agency at the interest rate prescribed <u>under this section</u> *in section 1, and amendments thereto*.

34 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 74-32,135 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-32,135. (a) Except as provided in K.S.A. 74-32,136, and amendments 35 36 thereto, upon the failure of any person to satisfy the obligation under any 37 agreement entered into pursuant to this act, such person shall pay to the 38 executive officer an amount equal to the total amount of money-received 39 by disbursed on behalf of such person pursuant to such agreement-which 40 that is financed by the state of Kansas plus accrued interest-at a rate which is equivalent to the interest rate applicable to loans made under the federal 41 42 PLUS program at the time such person first entered into an agreement plus 43 five percentage points from the accrual date determined under section 1,

1 and amendments thereto, and at the rate prescribed in section 1, and 2 amendments thereto. Installment payments of such amounts may be made 3 in accordance with rules and regulations of the state board of regents, 4 except that such installment payments shall commence six months after 5 the date of the action or circumstances that cause the failure of the person 6 to satisfy the obligations of such agreements, as determined by the 7 executive officer based upon the circumstances of each individual case. 8 Amounts paid under this section to the executive officer shall be deposited 9 in the advanced practice registered nurse service scholarship program fund 10 in accordance with K.S.A. 74-32,138, and amendments thereto.

(b) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any repayment account arising under the advanced practice registered nurse service scholarship program over to a designated loan servicer or collection agency, the state not being involved other than to receive payments from the loan servicer or collection agency at the interest rate prescribed-under this section *in section 1, and amendments thereto*.

17 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 74-32,153 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-18 32,153. (a) Upon completion of the recipient's program of study, the 19 recipient shall be eligible for forgiveness of the loan by living and working 20 in Kansas.

(b) By annually providing to the board of regents the required documentation certifying that the recipient worked and lived in Kansas throughout the prior year. Such documentation shall be provided to the board of regents within 30 days of the annual due date calculated from the completion of the course of study.

(c) If the required documentation certifying that the recipient lived
and worked in Kansas is not received in the prescribed time by the board,
the remaining loan amount shall be due and payable as prescribed under
K.S.A. 74-32,154 and amendments thereto.

30 (d) Interest rates on the loan shall be determined by the state treasurer
 according to the interest rate received on the state idle funds plus 3%.

32 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 74-32,154 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-33 32,154. (a) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 74-32,155, and 34 amendments thereto, upon the failure of any person to satisfy an obligation 35 incurred under the loan agreement as provided in K.S.A. 74-32,152, and 36 amendments thereto, such person shall repay to the state treasurer an 37 amount equal to the total of: (1) The amount of money-received by-38 *disbursed on behalf of* such person pursuant to such agreement<sub>-</sub>; plus (2) 39 accrued interest, calculated at the interest rate on the state idle funds plus 40 3%, from the date such money was received from the accrual date determined under section 1, and amendments thereto, and at the rate 41 prescribed in section 1, and amendments thereto. 42

43 (b) Each person required to repay any amount under this section shall

1 repay an amount totaling the entire amount to be repaid under all such 2 agreements for which obligations are not satisfied, including all amounts 3 of interest at the rate prescribed in-subsection (a) section 1, and 4 amendments thereto. Except as otherwise provided in this section, such 5 repayment shall be made in installment payments determined by the state 6 board of regents as provided in-subsection (c) of the K.S.A. 74-32,152(c), 7 and amendments thereto.

8 (c) All installment payments under this section shall commence six 9 months after the date of the action or circumstance that causes the failure 10 of the person to satisfy the obligations of such agreements, as determined by the state board of regents based upon the circumstances of each 11 12 individual case. If an installment payment becomes 91 days overdue, the entire amount outstanding shall become immediately due and payable, 13 14 including all amounts of interest at the rate prescribed in section 1, and 15 amendments thereto.

16 (d) The total repayment obligation imposed under all agreements 17 entered into as provided in K.S.A. 74-32,152, and amendments thereto, 18 may be satisfied at any time prior to graduation by making a single lump-19 sum payment equal to the total of: (1) The entire amount to be repaid under all such agreements upon failure to satisfy the obligations under 20 21 such agreements to practice in Kansas; plus (2) all amounts of interest 22 accrued thereon at the rate prescribed in subsection (a) section 1, and 23 amendments thereto.

(e) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any delinquent repayment account arising under the workforce development loan program to a designated loan servicer or collection agency, the state not being involved other than to receive payments from the loan servicer or collection agency at the interest rate prescribed-under this section *in section 1, and amendments thereto*.

30 Sec. 13. K.S.A. 74-32,223 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-31 32,223. (a) Except as provided in K.S.A. 74-32,224, and amendments 32 thereto, upon the failure of any person to satisfy the obligation under any 33 agreement entered into pursuant to the program, such person shall pay to 34 the executive officer an amount equal to the total amount of money 35 received by disbursed on behalf of such person pursuant to such agreement 36 plus accrued interest at a rate which is equivalent to the interest rate-37 applicable to loans made under the federal PLUS program at the time such 38 person first entered into an agreement plus five percentage points from the 39 accrual date determined under section 1, and amendments thereto, and at the rate prescribed in section 1, and amendments thereto. Installment 40 41 payments of any such amounts may be made in accordance with the provisions of agreements entered into by the scholarship recipient and the 42 43 executive officer, in accordance with rules and regulations of the state

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board of regents, except that such installment payments shall commence six months after the date of the action or circumstances that cause the failure of the person to satisfy the obligations of such agreements, as determined by the executive officer based upon the circumstances of each individual case. Amounts paid under this section to the executive officer shall be deposited in the nurse educator service scholarship repayment fund in accordance with K.S.A. 74-32,226, and amendments thereto.

8 (b) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any repayment 9 account arising under the program over to a designated loan servicer or 10 collection agency, the state not being involved other than to receive 11 payments from the loan servicer or collection agency at the interest rate 12 prescribed under this section *in section 1, and amendments thereto*.

Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 74-32,276 is hereby amended to read as 13 follows: 74-32,276. (a) As a condition to receiving a Kansas promise 14 scholarship, an eligible student shall enter into a Kansas promise 15 16 scholarship agreement with the state board of regents. The eligible 17 postsecondary educational institution making the scholarship award to 18 such student shall counsel each eligible student on the requirements and 19 conditions of the promise scholarship agreement. Such agreement shall 20 require any student who receives a Kansas promise scholarship to:

(1) Enroll as a full-time or part-time student at the eligible
postsecondary educational institution from which the student is receiving a
Kansas promise scholarship and engage in and complete the required
promise eligible program within 36 months of the date the scholarship was
first awarded;

26 (2) within six months after graduation from the promise eligible 27 program:

(A) Reside in and commence work in the state of Kansas for at least
two consecutive years following completion of such program. A
scholarship recipient may use a *form* W-2 wage and tax statement showing
Kansas withholding or estimated income tax to the state of Kansas as
proof of work in Kansas; or

(B) enroll as a full-time or part-time student in any public or private
postsecondary educational institution with its primary location in Kansas
and upon graduation or failure to re-enroll, reside in and commence work
in Kansas for at least two consecutive years following the completion of
such program;

(3) maintain records and make reports to the state board of regents on
such forms and in such manner as required by the state board of regents to
document the satisfaction of the requirements of this act; and

41 (4) upon failure to satisfy the requirements of a Kansas promise
42 scholarship agreement, repay the amount of the Kansas promise
43 scholarship the student received under the program as provided in

1 subsection (b) to the state board of regents.

2 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c), if any student who 3 receives a Kansas promise scholarship fails to satisfy the requirements of a 4 Kansas promise scholarship agreement, such student shall pay an amount 5 equal to the total amount of money-received by disbursed on behalf of 6 such student pursuant to such agreement that is financed by the state of 7 Kansas plus accrued interest-at a rate equivalent to the interest rate-8 applicable to loans made under the federal PLUS program at the time such 9 student's first course funded by a Kansas promise scholarship awardbegan. Interest shall begin accruing on the date the student is determined 10 to be out of compliance with the Kansas promise scholarship agreement 11 12 from the accrual date determined under section 1, and amendments 13 thereto, and at the rate prescribed in section 1, and amendments thereto. Monthly installment payments of such amounts may be made in 14 15 accordance with rules and regulations of the state board of regents. Such 16 installment payments shall begin six months after the date of the action or 17 circumstances that cause such student to fail to satisfy the requirements of 18 a Kansas promise scholarship agreement, as determined by the state board 19 of regents upon the circumstances of each individual case. All moneys 20 received pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the state treasurer 21 in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments 22 thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall 23 deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the Kansas 24 promise scholarship program fund.

(2) For any Kansas promise scholarship awarded on or after July 1,
2021, the state board of regents shall be the sole entity responsible for
collecting or recouping any Kansas promise scholarship funds required to
be repaid by a student who fails to satisfy the requirements of a Kansas
promise scholarship agreement pursuant to this section.

30 (3) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any repayment 31 account arising under this act to a designated loan servicer or collection 32 agency to collect on the state board's behalf, the state not being involved 33 other than to receive payments from the loan servicer or collection agency 34 at the interest rate prescribed-under this subsection *in section 1, and* 35 *amendments thereto.* 

(4) Eligible postsecondary educational institutions and each state
agency are authorized to provide academic, employment, residency and
contact information regarding students who received a Kansas promise
scholarship to the state board of regents for the purposes of:

40 (A) Determining whether or not a student satisfied the requirements 41 of this act and the Kansas promise scholarship agreement; and

42 (B) aiding in the collection or recoupment of any funds required to be 43 repaid pursuant to this section. (5) Eligible postsecondary educational institutions shall:

2 (A) Provide annually to the state board of regents the last known contact information of each student who received a Kansas promise 3 4 scholarship until the requirements of the program and scholarship 5 agreement are complete; and

6 (B) notify the state board of regents when a student who received a 7 Kansas promise scholarship:

8 (i) Completes the program of study for which the student received the 9 scholarship or has exhausted scholarship benefits; and

10 (ii) exceeds the 36-month program completion requirement provided in this section. This requirement shall apply to any Kansas promise 11 12 scholarship awarded on or after July 1, 2021.

(6) For any Kansas promise scholarship awarded on or after July 1, 13 2021, eligible postsecondary educational institutions shall not be 14 considered a contractor of the state nor shall such institutions be required 15 16 to participate in tracking, collecting or recouping any funds required to be 17 repaid by a student who fails to satisfy the requirements of a Kansas promise scholarship agreement pursuant to this section. 18

19 (c) Any requirement of a Kansas promise scholarship agreement 20 entered into pursuant to this section may be postponed for good cause in 21 accordance with rules and regulations of the state board of regents.

22 (d) A scholarship recipient satisfies the requirements of the Kansas 23 promise scholarship program if such recipient:

(1) Completes the requirements of the scholarship agreement;

25 (2) commences service as a military servicemember after receiving a 26 Kansas promise scholarship:

(3) fails to satisfy the requirements after making the best possible 27 28 effort to do so as determined by the state board of regents;

29 (4) is unable to obtain employment or continue in employment after 30 making the best possible effort to do so; or

31 (5) is unable to satisfy the requirements due to disability or death of 32 the scholarship recipient.

33 Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 74-32,286 is hereby amended to read as 34 follows: 74-32,286. (a) As a condition to receiving a grant under this act, 35 an eligible student shall enter into an agreement with the state board of 36 regents. The eligible postsecondary educational institution that awarded 37 such grant. Such eligible postsecondary educational institution shall 38 counsel each eligible student on the requirements and conditions of the 39 agreement. Such agreement shall require any student who receives a grant 40 award to:

(1) Enroll as a full-time or part-time student at the eligible 41 42 postsecondary educational institution that made the grant award and 43 engage in and complete the adult learner grant eligible program;

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1 (2) within six months after graduation from the adult learner grant 2 eligible program:

3 (A) Reside and commence work in the state of Kansas for at least two 4 consecutive years following completion of such program. A scholarship 5 recipient may use a *form* W-2 wage and tax statement showing Kansas 6 withholding or estimated income tax to the state of Kansas as proof of 7 work in Kansas; or

8 (B) enroll as a full-time or part-time student in any public or private 9 postsecondary educational institution with its primary location in Kansas 10 and upon graduation or failure to re-enroll, reside in and commence work 11 in Kansas for at least two consecutive years following the completion of 12 such program;

(3) maintain records and make reports to the state board of regents on
 such forms and in such manner as required by the state board of regents to
 document the satisfaction of the requirements of this act; and

16 (4) upon failure to satisfy the requirements of an agreement entered 17 into pursuant to this section, repay the amount of the grant award the 18 student received under the program as provided in subsection (b) to the 19 state board of regents.

20 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c), if any student who 21 receives a grant award fails to satisfy the requirements of the agreement 22 entered into pursuant to this section, such student shall pay an amount 23 equal to the total amount of money-received by disbursed on behalf of 24 such student pursuant to such agreement plus accrued interest-at-a rate 25 equivalent to the interest rate applicable to loans made under the federal 26 PLUS program at the time such student's first course funded by a grant 27 award began. Interest shall begin accruing on the date the student is-28 determined to be out of compliance with the agreement from the accrual 29 date determined under section 1, and amendments thereto, and at the rate 30 prescribed in section 1, and amendments thereto. Monthly installment 31 payments of such amounts may be made in accordance with rules and 32 regulations of the state board of regents. Such installment payments shall 33 begin six months after the date of the action or circumstances that cause 34 such student to fail to satisfy the requirements of the agreement, as 35 determined by the state board of regents upon the circumstances of each 36 individual case. All moneys received pursuant to this subsection shall be 37 remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 38 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, 39 the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to 40 the credit of the Kansas adult learner grant program fund.

41 (2) The state board of regents shall be the sole entity responsible for
42 collecting or recouping any grant moneys required to be repaid by a
43 student who fails to satisfy the requirements of an agreement entered into

1 pursuant to this section.

2 (3) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any repayment 3 account arising under this act to a designated loan servicer or collection 4 agency to collect on the state board's behalf. The state's involvement shall 5 only be to receive payments from the loan servicer or collection agency at 6 the interest rate prescribed-under this subsection *in section 1, and* 7 *amendments thereto*.

8 (4) Eligible postsecondary educational institutions and each state 9 agency are authorized to provide academic, employment, residency and 10 contact information regarding students who received a grant award to the 11 state board of regents for the purposes of:

(A) Determining whether or not a student satisfied the requirementsof this act and the agreement entered into pursuant to this section; and

(B) aiding in the collection or recoupment of any funds required to berepaid pursuant to this section.

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(5) Eligible postsecondary educational institutions shall:

(A) Provide annually to the state board of regents the last known
 contact information of each student who received a grant award until the
 requirements of the program and the agreement are complete; and

(B) notify the state board of regents when a student who received a
grant award completes the program of study for which the student received
the grant or has exhausted the benefits available under this act.

(6) Eligible postsecondary educational institutions shall not be
considered a contractor of the state nor shall such institutions be required
to participate in tracking, collecting or recouping any moneys required to
be repaid by a student who fails to satisfy the requirements of an
agreement entered into pursuant to this section.

(c) Any requirement of an agreement entered into pursuant to this
 section may be postponed for good cause in accordance with rules and
 regulations of the state board of regents.

31 (d) A scholarship recipient satisfies the requirements of the adult32 learner grant program if such recipient:

(1) Completes the requirements of the agreement entered intopursuant to this section;

(2) commences service as a military servicemember after receiving agrant award;

(3) fails to satisfy the requirements after making the best possibleeffort to do so as determined by the state board of regents;

39 (4) is unable to obtain employment or continue in employment after40 making the best possible effort to do so; or

41 (5) is unable to satisfy the requirements due to disability or death of 42 the grant recipient.

43 Sec. 16. K.S.A. 74-3260, 74-3267, 74-3272, 74-32,104, 74-32,116,

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- 1 74-32,135, 74-32,153, 74-32,154 and 74-32,223 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp.
- 2 74-3295, 74-32,276 and 74-32,286 and are hereby repealed.
- 3 Sec. 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 4 publication in the statute book.