

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1616

By Senators Abrams and Arpke

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting the Kansas board of
2 regents' strategic plan for postsecondary education excellence, known
3 as Foresight 2020.

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5 WHEREAS, The goals of the Kansas board of regents' strategic plan
6 for postsecondary education known as Foresight 2020 are to increase
7 postsecondary education attainment among Kansans, improve alignment
8 of the state's postsecondary education system with the needs of the Kansas
9 economy and ensure state university excellence; and

10 WHEREAS, The state, its businesses and industries, and individual
11 Kansans will be best served if the board of regents is supported in its
12 efforts to achieve these goals; and

13 WHEREAS, Achieving a postsecondary education credential ~~is central~~
14 *{can be a contributing factor}* to the success of citizens in getting and
15 retaining high-quality jobs; and

16 WHEREAS, Retaining individuals who have postsecondary credentials
17 in Kansas ~~is necessary to~~ *{encouraged for}* meeting workforce demands
18 and ensuring a competitive Kansas workforce; and

19 WHEREAS, ~~Economic prosperity for the state and the individual~~
20 ~~depend on Kansans~~ Attaining an increased level of postsecondary
21 education *{is encouraged for economic prosperity for the state and the*
22 *individual}*; and

23 WHEREAS, Increasing educational attainment among the adult
24 population is one of the most important objectives for any state: Now,
25 therefore,

26 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of*
27 *Representatives concurring therein:* That the legislature supports the
28 Kansas board of regents' strategic plan for achieving postsecondary
29 education attainment, as set forth in Foresight 2020, and specifically the
30 objective of increasing to 60% or more by the year 2020 the number of
31 Kansas adults who have a certificate, associate's degree or a bachelor's
32 degree; and

33 *Be it further resolved:* That the legislature encourages the board of
34 regents, in consultation with the *local boards of education*, secretary of

1 commerce, secretary of labor, commissioner of education, postsecondary
2 educational institutions, the Washburn institute of technology, private
3 business and industry, and other interested entities, to develop and execute
4 a plan to increase the overall postsecondary educational attainment among
5 Kansans needed to fuel economic growth in Kansas; and

6 *Be it further resolved:* That the legislature, in consultation with the
7 Kansas board of regents, encourages the development of a performance
8 based funding formula that will help achieve the desired goals; and

9 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send an enrolled
10 copy of this resolution to the chair of the Kansas board of regents,
11 secretary of commerce, secretary of labor and commissioner of education.