



**Joint Committee on Rules and Regulations
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Testimony Regarding Qualified Admissions Regulations

**K.A.R. 88-29-2, 88-29-5, 88-29-6, 88-29-7, 88-29-7a, 88-29-8, 88-29-8c,
88-29-9, 88-29-10, and 88-29-11**

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Good afternoon, Chairwoman Schmidt, and Members of the Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to provide background information and a brief summary of the Board of Regents' proposed amendment to the qualified admissions regulations.

During the 2009 Session, the Legislature amended K.S.A. 76-717 to give the Kansas Board of Regents authority to establish admissions standards for the state universities. In 2010, the Board convened a Task Force to "advise the Board and make recommendations regarding optimal state university admissions policies for year 2010 and beyond."

The Task Force conducted public hearings and gathered significant input from a wide range of stakeholders across the state and forwarded recommendations to the Board. The Board approved the recommendations in December 2010, which included revised admissions standards for high school students graduating in 2015 and thereafter, and the requirement that freshmen applicants under the age of 21 complete a precollege curriculum.

K.A.R. 88-29-11 sets forth the qualified admission precollege curriculum for state university applicants who graduated from high school in 2013-2014 or earlier. The proposed amendment includes an updated list of precollege courses required for admission to state universities for students who graduated between academic years 2010 and 2014. The course list was updated after consultation with the Department of Education and high school officials.

As time passes, new courses are brought forward for consideration, existing courses are reevaluated, and the list is refined to incorporate curricular changes. Updating the course list requires updating K.A.R. 88-29-11 because it adopts the list by reference. The list is also referenced in K.A.R. 88-29a-11, which applies to high school students graduating in academic year 2015 and thereafter.

Amendments to the course list will not adversely affect any students as the amendments are effective going forward, generally expand rather than limit the course list, and courses being eliminated will fulfill Qualified Admission curriculum requirements if a student took the course before it was removed from the list.

K.A.R. 88-29-2, 88-29-5, 88-29-6, 88-29-7, 88-29-7a, 88-29-8, 88-29-8c, 88-29-9, and 88-29-10 are all being revoked because they have timed out in accordance with their own terms, and are replaced by the provisions of K.A.R. 88-29a-2, 88-29a-5, 88-29a-6, 88-29a-7, 88-29a-7a, 88-29a-8, 88-29a-8c, 88-29a-9, and 88-29a-10.