

SENATE BILL No. 388

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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1 AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to the awarding of
2 credit hours for degree completion.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) On or before January 1, 2017, the state board of regents
6 shall adopt a policy requiring state educational institutions to award the
7 appropriate number of credit hours to any student enrolled in such
8 institution who has successfully passed an exam administered through the
9 college level examination program (CLEP). Such policy shall include the
10 following:

11 (1) The number of credit hours to be awarded shall be the minimum
12 number of credit hours for the course offered by the institution based on
13 the type of exam;

14 (2) an institution shall not limit the number of credit hours that may
15 be awarded to a student;

16 (3) credit hours awarded for exams in the subject of the student's
17 major course of study shall apply towards the student's degree program
18 major course of study, and all other credit hours shall apply towards
19 general degree requirements;

20 (4) credit hours for exams shall be listed on the student's transcript as
21 pass/fail;

22 (5) all exams listed on a student's transcript shall be included on such
23 transcript if the student transfers to a different postsecondary educational
24 institution, and if the subsequent institution is a state educational
25 institution, then the credit hours for such exams shall be applied in
26 accordance with this section; and

27 (6) any other provisions related to the awarding of credit hours based
28 on CLEP exam results deemed necessary by the board.

29 (b) Commencing July 1, 2017, each state educational institution shall
30 award credit hours to enrolled students who have successfully passed a
31 CLEP exam in accordance with the policy adopted by the board pursuant
32 to subsection (a).

33 (c) As used in this section, the terms "state board of regents" and
34 "state educational institution" shall have the same meaning as those terms
35 are defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.

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

- 1 publication in the statute book.