

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) **and receive a credit-granting**
10 **recommended score as outlined by the American council on education.**
11 Such policy shall include the following:

12 (1) The number of credit hours to be awarded shall be **at least**
13 **equivalent to** the minimum number of credit hours **granted** for the
14 **equivalent** course offered by the institution ~~based on the type of exam;~~

15 (2) an institution shall not limit the number of credit hours that may
16 be awarded to a student **beyond the limitations placed on such institution**
17 **by such institution's regional accrediting agency;**

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

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

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

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

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

35 (c) As used in this section, the terms "state board of regents" and
36 "state educational institution" shall have the same meaning as those terms

1 are defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.

2 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
3 publication in the statute book.