

## **Nurse Educator Service Scholarship Program Act; SB 358**

**SB 358** amends definitions in the Nurse Educator Service Scholarship Program Act. The bill adds to the definition of “school of nursing” “accredited independent institution,” which is defined as a not-for-profit institution of higher education that has its main campus or principal place of operation in Kansas, is operated independently and not controlled or administered by the state, maintains open enrollment, and holds accreditation to grant a master of science or doctoral degree in nurse education or nursing administration from a national accrediting entity recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Further, the bill defines “open enrollment” as having the meaning found in KSA 2015 Supp. 74-32,120: the policy of an institution of higher education which provides the opportunity of enrollment for any student who meets its academic and other reasonable enrollment requirements, without regard for race, gender, religion, creed, or national origin.