

SESSION OF 2017

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE BILL NO. 2213**

As Agreed to April 4, 2017

Brief*

HB 2213 would amend laws concerning postsecondary education. Specifically, the bill would extend the provisions establishing the Post-secondary Technical Education Authority from June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2019. Additionally, the bill would amend the Kansas Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institution Act to extend a June 30, 2017, sunset to June 30, 2018, for a statute authorizing the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) to fix, charge, and collect fees for such institutions.

Conference Committee Action

In Conference Committee, the House agreed to the Senate amendments to HB 2213, and the Conference Committee agreed to add the contents of HB 2212, as amended by the Senate Committee on Education, concerning the sunset for the Post-secondary Technical Education Authority.

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Background

HB 2213

HB 2213 was introduced at the request of KBOR. In the House Committee on Education hearing, a KBOR representative testified in support of the bill and stated the bill would not raise or change fees but would allow KBOR to continue to charge fees sufficient to cover costs of regulating private and out-of-state postsecondary institutions. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

In the Senate Committee on Education hearing, a representative of KBOR appeared in support of the bill. No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to change the sunset to June 30, 2018, rather than striking the sunset clause. [*Note:* The Conference Committee retained this amendment.]

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, KBOR estimates enactment of HB 2213, as introduced, would allow it to continue receiving revenues of approximately \$700,000 from fees paid by private and out-of-state postsecondary institutions. Without the bill, KBOR indicates it would need either to use state funding to pay for state regulatory work done in connection with these institutions, or it would no longer be able to adequately regulate the institutions operating in Kansas. The fiscal note states *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report* includes expenditures of \$767,417 in FY 2018 and \$770,896 in FY 2019 from the Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institutions Fee Fund to regulate the institutions.

HB 2212

HB 2212 was introduced at the request of KBOR. In the House Committee on Education hearing, representatives of the Technical Education Authority (TEA) and Salina Technical College testified in support of the bill. The TEA representative provided background about the 12-member TEA, which has delegated authority from KBOR to coordinate statewide planning for postsecondary technical education, new postsecondary technical education programs, and contract training, as well as to study, report, and make recommendations to KBOR. Extending the sunset would allow the TEA to continue its statutorily-defined duties, as well as new efforts, such as assisting former members of the military with obtaining college credit. The Kansas Board of Education (KSBE) submitted written-only testimony in support of the bill. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

In the Senate Committee on Education hearing, a representative of the TEA testified in support of the bill. Representatives of the Kansas Association of Technical Colleges and the KSBE submitted written-only proponent testimony. No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to change the sunset proposed by the bill, as introduced, from June 30, 2022, to June 30, 2019. [Note: The Conference Committee retained this amendment.]

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, KBOR indicates enactment of HB 2212, as introduced, would extend the appropriation currently authorized for the TEA beyond FY 2017. Appropriations of \$19,045 and \$19,057 from the State General Fund are reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report* for FY 2018 and FY 2019, respectively.

Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institution fees; Post-secondary
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