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By Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

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Proposed Amendments for HB 2515
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1 AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to scholarship
2 programs; creating the Kansas promise scholarship act.

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

5 Section 1. (a) The provisions of section 1 et seq., and amendments
6 thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas promise
7 scholarship act.

8 (b) As used in the Kansas promise scholarship act:

9 (1) "Eligible postsecondary educational institution" means:

10 (A) Any community college established pursuant to chapter 71 of the
11 Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto; or

12 (B) a technical college established under the laws of this state.

13 Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas promise
14 scholarship program. The state board of regents shall administer the
15 program.

16 (b) On or before March 1, 2021, the state board of regents shall adopt
17 rules and regulations to implement and administer the Kansas promise
18 scholarship program. Such rules and regulations shall establish:

19 (1) Scholarship application deadlines;

20 (2) appeal procedures for denial or revocation of a Kansas promise
21 scholarship;

22 (3) guidelines to ensure as much as is practicable that, if a student
23 who received a Kansas promise scholarship graduates from a technical
24 education certificate program or associate degree program pursuant to this
25 act and subsequently enrolls in a state educational institution, as defined in
26 K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, any courses taken by such
27 student shall be transferred to the state educational institution and qualify
28 toward the student's baccalaureate degree;

29 (4) procedures for a student who receives a Kansas promise
30 scholarship to record and report proof of community service and
31 community service hours;

32 (5) the terms, conditions and requirements that shall be incorporated
33 into each Kansas promise scholarship agreement;

34 (6) procedures for requesting and approving medical, military and
35 personal absences from an eligible postsecondary educational institution
36 while receiving a Kansas promise scholarship;

(7) criteria for determining whether any student who received a Kansas promise scholarship fulfilled the employment and repayment requirements included in a Kansas promise scholarship agreement as provided in section 5, and amendments thereto; and

(8) criteria for determining when a student who received a Kansas promise scholarship may be released from the requirements of a Kansas promise scholarship, if there are special circumstances that caused such student to be unable to complete such requirements.

(c) The state board of regents shall:

(1) Publicize Kansas promise scholarships, including, but not limited to, publicizing eligible postsecondary educational institutions, approved scholarship-eligible educational programs, application procedures and application deadlines;

(2) allocate funds to each eligible postsecondary educational institution for the purpose of awarding Kansas promise scholarships;

(3) request information from eligible postsecondary educational institutions necessary for the administration of this act;

(4) annually collaborate with the department of commerce and Kansas business and industry to identify up to 10 job fields that currently have the highest need for skilled employees;

(5) designate scholarship-eligible education programs that correspond to the job fields identified in paragraph (4);

(6) ensure that any student who received a Kansas promise scholarship fulfills the employment or repayment requirements provided in section 5, and amendments thereto; and

(7) beginning January 2021, annually evaluate the Kansas promise scholarship program and prepare and submit a report to the senate standing committee on education and the house of representatives standing committee on education.

Sec. 3. Subject to appropriations, the amount of a Kansas promise scholarship for a student for each semester shall be the aggregate amount of tuition, required fees and the cost of books and required materials for the educational program at the eligible postsecondary educational institution for the academic year in which the student is enrolled and receiving the scholarship minus the aggregate amount of all other aid awarded to such student for such semester.

Sec. 4. (a) To be eligible for a Kansas promise scholarship, a student shall:

(1) Be a Kansas resident;

(2) be a graduate of a Kansas public or private secondary school or have obtained a high school equivalency certificate;

(3) complete the required scholarship application on such forms and in such manner as established by the state board of regents;

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1 (4) enter into a Kansas promise scholarship agreement pursuant to
 2 section 5, and amendments thereto;
 3 (5) complete the free application for federal student aid for the
 4 academic year in which the student applies to receive a Kansas promise
 5 scholarship; and
 6 (6) enroll in an eligible postsecondary educational institution in a
 7 scholarship-eligible technical education program or associate degree
 8 program.
 9 (b) To continue to receive a Kansas promise scholarship, a student
 10 shall:
 11 (1) Annually complete 100 hours of community service or be
 12 ~~employed and work a minimum of 15 hours per week~~ throughout the time
 13 period in which the student is receiving a Kansas promise scholarship;
 14 (2) maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0; and
 15 (3) satisfy any other requirements of a Kansas promise scholarship
 16 agreement as provided in section 5, and amendments thereto.
 17 (c) Nothing in this act shall prohibit a student who received
 18 postsecondary course credit while enrolled in high school from qualifying
 19 for a Kansas promise scholarship.
 20 Sec. 5. (a) As a condition to receiving a Kansas promise scholarship,
 21 an eligible student shall enter into a Kansas promise scholarship agreement
 22 with the eligible postsecondary educational institution making the
 23 scholarship award to such student. Such agreement shall require such
 24 student who receives a Kansas promise scholarship to:
 25 (1) Engage as a full-time student in and complete the required
 26 technical education certificate program or associate degree program of the
 27 eligible postsecondary educational institution for which the student is
 28 receiving the scholarship;
 29 (2) within six months after graduation from the technical education
 30 certificate program or associate degree program:
 31 (A) Commence work in the state of Kansas for at least two
 32 consecutive years following completion of such program; or
 33 (B) enroll as a full-time student in any public or private
 34 postsecondary educational institution with its primary location in Kansas;
 35 (3) maintain records and make reports to the state board of regents on
 36 such forms and in such manner as required by the state board of regents to
 37 document the satisfaction of the requirements of this act; and
 38 (4) upon failure to satisfy the requirements of a Kansas promise
 39 scholarship agreement, repay the amount of the Kansas promise
 40 scholarship the student received under the program as provided in
 41 subsection (b).
 42 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c), if any student who
 43 receives a Kansas promise scholarship fails to satisfy the requirements of a

verified by the eligible postsecondary educational institution to
 be employed part-time

1 Kansas promise scholarship agreement entered into pursuant to this
2 section, such student shall pay an amount equal to the total amount of
3 money received by such student pursuant to such agreement that is
4 financed by the state of Kansas plus accrued interest at a rate equivalent to
5 the interest rate applicable to loans made under the federal PLUS program
6 at the time such person first entered into an agreement. Installment
7 payments of such amounts may be made in accordance with rules and
8 regulations of the state board of regents. Such installment payments shall
9 begin six months after the date of the action or circumstances that cause
10 such student to fail to satisfy the requirements of a Kansas promise
11 scholarship agreement, as determined by the state board of regents upon
12 the circumstances of each individual case. All moneys received pursuant to
13 this subsection shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with
14 the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt
15 of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount
16 in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.

17 (2) The state board of regents is authorized to turn any repayment
18 account arising under this act to a designated loan servicer or collection
19 agency, the state not being involved other than to receive payments from
20 the loan servicer or collection agency at the interest rate prescribed under
21 this subsection.

22 (c) Any requirement under a Kansas promise scholarship agreement
23 entered into pursuant to this section may be postponed for good cause in
24 accordance with rules and regulations of the state board of regents.

25 (d) A student who received a Kansas promise scholarship and entered
26 into a Kansas promise scholarship agreement satisfies the requirements
27 under such agreement when such student:

28 (1) Completes the requirements in accordance with such agreement;

29 (2) fails to satisfy the requirements for completion of the educational
30 requirements after making the best effort possible to do so;

31 (3) is unable to obtain employment and continue in such employment
32 after making the best effort possible to do so;

33 (4) is unable to satisfy the requirements due to permanent physical
34 disability; or

35 (5) dies.

36 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
37 publication in the statute book.