

SENATE BILL No. 135

By Senators Hilderbrand, Alley, Hardy, Olson, Petersen and Pyle

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1 AN ACT concerning rural opportunity zones; relating to eligible counties;
2 amending K.S.A. 74-50,222 and repealing the existing section.

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

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 74-50,222 is hereby amended to read as follows:
6 74-50,222. As used in K.S.A. 74-50,222; and 74-50,223, and amendments
7 thereto, and K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 79-32,267, and amendments thereto:

8 (a) "Institution of higher education" means a public or private
9 nonprofit educational institution that meets the requirements of
10 participation in programs under the higher education act of 1965, as
11 amended, 34 C.F.R. § 600;

12 (b) "rural opportunity zone" means Allen, Anderson, *Atchison*,
13 Barber, Bourbon, Brown, Chase, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Clark,
14 Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Comanche, *Cowley*, *Crawford*, Decatur, *Dickinson*,
15 Doniphan, Edwards, Elk, Ellsworth, *Franklin*, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray,
16 Greeley, Greenwood, Hamilton, Harper, Haskell, Hodgeman, Jackson,
17 Jewell, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Labette, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Logan,
18 Marion, Marshall, Meade, Mitchell, Montgomery, Morris, Morton,
19 Nemaha, Neosho, Ness, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips,
20 *Pottawatomie*, Pratt, Rawlins, Republic, Rice, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Scott,
21 Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner, Trego,
22 Thomas, Wabaunsee, Wallace, Washington, Wichita, Wilson or Woodson
23 counties;

24 (c) "secretary" means the secretary of commerce; and

25 (d) "student loan" means a federal student loan program supported by
26 the federal government and a nonfederal loan issued by a lender such as a
27 bank, savings and loan or credit union to help students and parents pay
28 school expenses for attendance at an institution of higher education.

29 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-50,222 is hereby repealed.

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