

House Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 271

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; creating the students' right to know act;
2 relating to dissemination of certain postsecondary education
3 information to secondary students; providing specific curriculum
4 guidance for civics instruction; amending K.S.A. 72-3217 and
5 repealing the existing section.

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

8 New Section 1. (a) The provisions of this section shall be known and
9 maybe cited as the students' right to know act.

10 (b) On or before October 15, 2021, and each year thereafter, the state
11 department of education shall ensure the distribution, including by
12 electronic communication, to each student or each student's parents the
13 degree prospectus information published by the state board of regents in
14 accordance with K.S.A. 74-32,303, and amendments thereto, the Kansas
15 training information program report published in accordance with K.S.A.
16 74-32,418, and amendments thereto, any other information relevant to
17 students' understanding of potential earnings as determined by the
18 department of labor and the potential earnings published by each branch of
19 the armed services of the United States military.

20 (c) To the extent permitted by law, the department shall enter into
21 memorandums of understanding and any other necessary agreements with
22 the state board of regents, the department of labor and any other state
23 agencies or other entities as required to implement the provisions of this
24 section.

25 (d) As used in this section, the term "student" means any person
26 enrolled in any of the grades seven through 12 in a school district.

27 (e) The provisions of this section shall take effect and be in force
28 from and after January 1, 2021.

29 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-3217 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
30 3217. (a) All accredited schools, public, private or parochial, shall provide
31 and give a complete course of instruction to all ~~pupils~~ *students*, in civil
32 government; and United States history, and in patriotism and the duties of
33 a citizen, suitable to the elementary grades; ~~in addition thereto.~~

34 (b) All accredited high schools, public, private or parochial, shall give
35 a course of instruction concerning the government and institutions of the
36 United States, and particularly of the constitution of the United States; ~~and~~

1 ~~no.~~ *Such instruction may include the information necessary for a person to*
2 *pass the examination administered by the United States citizenship and*
3 *immigration services to applicants for United States citizenship through*
4 *naturalization and may provide opportunities for students to participate as*
5 *citizens of the United States so as to better understand the principles of*
6 *American civics. Any student who has not taken and satisfactorily passed*
7 *such course shall not be certified as having completed the course*
8 *requirements necessary for graduation from high school.*

9 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 72-3217 is hereby repealed.

10 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
11 publication in the statute book.