

SENATE BILL No. 580

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

4-28

1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to state educational institutions;
2 requiring such institutions to establish an accelerated teacher training
3 program.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) On or before July 1, 2023, each state educational
7 institution that offers a course of instruction leading to licensure as a
8 teacher shall establish an accelerated teacher training program for students
9 who transfer from a community college established under the laws of this
10 state to such state educational institution to pursue a course of instruction
11 leading to licensure as a teacher. The program shall allow such students to
12 earn a bachelor's degree leading to licensure as a teacher within two years
13 of entering the program.

14 (b) An accelerated teacher training program may include, but shall
15 not be limited to:

16 (1) 2+2 agreements or articulation agreements;

17 (2) modified plans of study or course schedules;

18 (3) accelerated courses, evening courses or summer courses; and

19 (4) mentorship opportunities.

20 (c) The state board of regents or the Kansas department of education
21 may assist in the development of such program. The state board of regents
22 may establish policies or guidelines for the establishment of such
23 programs.

24 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
25 publication in the statute book.