

**SENATE BILL No. 470**

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to the Kansas  
2 promise scholarship act; including Wichita technical institute as an  
3 eligible postsecondary educational institution in such act; amending  
4 K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-32,271 and 74-32,274 and repealing the existing  
5 sections.

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

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-32,271 is hereby amended to read as  
9 follows: 74-32,271. (a) K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-32,271 et seq., and  
10 amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas  
11 promise scholarship act.

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

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

14 (A) Any community college or technical college established under  
15 the laws of this state and with a recognized service area;

16 (B) the Washburn institute of technology; ~~or~~

17 (C) *Wichita technical institute; or*

18 (D) any not-for-profit institution of postsecondary education with its  
19 main campus or principal place of operation in Kansas that offers a  
20 promise eligible program, is operated independently and not controlled or  
21 administered by any state agency or subdivision of the state, maintains  
22 open enrollment and is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting  
23 agency for higher education in the United States.

24 (2) "Military servicemember" means the same as defined in K.S.A.  
25 2023 Supp. 48-3406, and amendments thereto.

26 (3) "Part-time student" means a student who is enrolled for six credit  
27 hours or more in the fall, summer or spring semester and is not enrolled as  
28 a full-time student.

29 (4) "Promise eligible program" means any two-year associate degree  
30 program or career and technical education certificate or stand-alone  
31 program offered by an eligible postsecondary educational institution that  
32 is:

33 (A) Approved by the state board of regents;

34 (B) high wage, high demand or critical need; and

35 (C) identified as a "promise eligible program" by the state board of  
36 regents pursuant to K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-32,272, and amendments

1 thereto, or a "promise eligible program" within a field of study designated  
2 by an eligible postsecondary educational institution pursuant to K.S.A.  
3 2023 Supp. 74-32,273, and amendments thereto.

4 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-32,274 is hereby amended to read as  
5 follows: 74-32,274. (a) Subject to appropriations, the amount of a Kansas  
6 promise scholarship for a student for each academic year shall be  
7 determined as follows:

8 (1) For a student enrolled in a promise eligible program offered by an  
9 eligible public postsecondary educational institution described in K.S.A.  
10 2023 Supp. 74-32,271(b)(1)(A) or (B), and amendments thereto, the  
11 scholarship amount shall be the aggregate amount of tuition, required fees  
12 and the cost of books and required materials for the promise eligible  
13 program at the eligible postsecondary educational institution for the  
14 academic year in which the student is enrolled and receiving the  
15 scholarship minus the aggregate amount of all other aid awarded to such  
16 student for such academic year.

17 (2) For a student enrolled in a promise eligible program offered by an  
18 eligible private postsecondary educational institution described in K.S.A.  
19 2023 Supp. 74-32,271(b)(1)(C) *or* (D), and amendments thereto, the  
20 scholarship amount shall be the aggregate amount of tuition, required fees  
21 and the cost of books and materials for such program for the academic  
22 year in which the student is enrolled and receiving the scholarship minus  
23 the aggregate amount of all other aid awarded to such student for such  
24 academic year, except that a scholarship awarded pursuant to this  
25 paragraph shall not exceed the average cost of tuition, required fees and  
26 the cost of books and required materials for such promise eligible program  
27 when offered by an eligible public postsecondary educational institution  
28 described in K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-32,271(b)(1)(A) or (B), and  
29 amendments thereto.

30 (b) Kansas promise scholarships shall only be awarded to an eligible  
31 student whose family household income equals \$100,000 or less for a  
32 family of one or two, \$150,000 or less for a family of three and, for  
33 household sizes above three, a household income that is equal to or less  
34 than the family of three amount plus \$4,800 for each additional family  
35 member.

36 (c) (1) Kansas promise scholarship awards shall be used only to pay  
37 for up to a total of 68 promise scholarship funded credit hours or a total of  
38 \$20,000 in Kansas promise scholarship awards, whichever occurs first,  
39 over the lifetime of the student who received the Kansas promise  
40 scholarship award regardless of the eligible postsecondary educational  
41 institution such student attended.

42 (2) Kansas promise scholarship awards shall not be used to fund:

43 (A) Prerequisite classes required for a promise eligible program

1 unless such classes are a designated course within the eligible program; or

2 (B) any remedial course, as defined in K.S.A. 76-7,151, and  
3 amendments thereto, unless such course is offered in a corequisite format.

4 (d) For each fiscal year, the appropriation made for the Kansas  
5 promise scholarship program shall not exceed \$10,000,000.

6 (e) The state board of regents shall disburse funds based on  
7 reimbursement requests from eligible postsecondary educational  
8 institutions. Reimbursement requests shall be based on the actual amount  
9 of Kansas promise scholarship amounts awarded by an eligible  
10 postsecondary educational institution for the appropriate academic period.  
11 Any eligible postsecondary educational institution seeking reimbursement  
12 shall submit a reimbursement request to the state board of regents on or  
13 before September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1 of each year. The  
14 state board of regents shall disburse the appropriate amount of funds to  
15 eligible postsecondary educational institutions on September 15,  
16 December 15, March 15 and June 15 each year.

17 (f) As used in this section, "aid" includes any grant, scholarship or  
18 financial assistance awards that do not require repayment. "Aid" does not  
19 include any military financial educational benefits or any family  
20 postsecondary savings account or other qualified tuition program  
21 established pursuant to section 529 of the internal revenue code of 1986, as  
22 amended.

23 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-32,271 and 74-32,274 are hereby  
24 repealed.

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