

STATE OF KANSAS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. CHAIRMAN:

I move to amend **HB 2292**, As Amended by House Committee, on page 1, in line 8, by striking "4" and inserting "6"; in line 10, by striking "4" and inserting "6";

On page 7, following line 28, by inserting:

"Sec. 5. For purposes of sections 5 and 6, and amendments thereto;

(a) "Applicant school" means a school district organized and operating under the laws of this state, acting independently or as part of a consortia with other school districts.

(b) "Candidate" means a paraeducator or other person employed by a school district who seeks to become a licensed teacher and who currently does not possess such a license.

(c) "Education apprentice" means a person who is a Kansas resident at least 16 years of age, except where an older minimum age standard is otherwise fixed by law, is a candidate, has been selected to participate in a registered education apprenticeship program by an applicant school receiving a grant from the Kansas educator registered apprenticeship grant program and is employed to learn the apprenticeable occupation, as defined in 29 C.F.R. § 29.4, of teaching.

(d) "Eligible related training instruction provider" means an institution of higher education that provides a teacher preparation program and is:

(1) A state educational institution under the control and supervision of the board of regents;

(2) a municipal university;

(3) any not-for-profit institution of postsecondary education with its main campus or principal place of operation in Kansas, is operated independently and not controlled or

administered by any state agency or subdivision of the state, maintains open enrollment and is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency for higher education in the United States; or

(4) a not-for-profit independent institution of higher education which is accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of education, is operated independently and not controlled or administered by the state or any agency or subdivision thereof, maintains open enrollment, offers online education, offers exclusively competency-based education programs and has been granted accreditation for its teacher licensure programs by the council for the accreditation of educator preparation and the association for advancing quality in educator preparation.

(e) "Registered education apprenticeship program" means an apprenticeship program, as defined in section 1, and amendments thereto, that is a registered apprenticeship program, as defined in section 1, and amendments thereto, for the profession of teaching that provides candidates combined classroom and on the job training under the direct supervision of a licensed professional teacher and has been approved by the commissioner of education and the secretary of commerce, or the secretary's designee.

Sec. 6. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas educator registered apprenticeship grant program. The commissioner of education, state board of education and the secretary of commerce, or the secretary's designee, shall coordinate to develop the program, obtain such necessary approval and registration of education apprenticeship programs as provided by federal and state law and administer the grant program.

(b) The Kansas educator registered apprenticeship grant program shall be established to award grants to applicant schools for the purpose of increasing the number of qualified, credentialed teachers in the state of Kansas. The program shall seek to identify a diverse group of

candidates to participate in a registered education apprenticeship program or programs and obtain a bachelor's degree in education, secure licensure and engage in the profession of teaching in Kansas. Grants shall be awarded by the board of education or commissioner of education upon approval of the registered education apprenticeship program by the secretary of commerce, or the secretary's designee, as compliant with all applicable federal and state law.

(c) On or before March 1, 2024, the state board of education in coordination with the secretary of commerce shall adopt rules and regulations to implement and administer the Kansas educator registered apprenticeship grant program. Such rules and regulations shall establish:

(1) Grant application procedure, forms and deadlines for applicant schools;

(2) the terms, conditions and requirements for an award of a Kansas educator registered apprenticeship program grant. The applicant school's registered education apprenticeship program design shall include the following requirements:

(A) Applicant schools shall partner with at least one eligible related training instruction provider and identify such provider in their application;

(B) applicant schools shall identify projected candidates in the manner designated by the secretary of commerce and the state board with appropriate protections for candidate privacy;

(C) grant funds shall be used for payment of apprentice tuition and fees up to a maximum of \$2,750 per year for four years, or completion of their academic program, whichever comes first; and

(D) payment of apprentice wages during their demonstration teaching experience;

(3) prioritization for grant applications from applicant schools partnering with eligible related training instruction providers that permit the apprentice to continue their current employment by utilizing flexible learning models such as online delivery, competency-based education or courses offered on nights or weekends; and

(4) a method to award grants equitably across the state geographically.

(d) The commissioner of education and the state board of education, in coordination with the secretary of commerce, or the secretary's designee, shall, beginning in 2025, annually evaluate the Kansas educator registered apprenticeship grant program and prepare and submit a report before January 31, 2026, and before January 31 of each year thereafter, to the senate standing committee on education and the standing committee on commerce and to the house of representatives standing committee on education and the standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development.

(e) Subject to appropriation acts, on July 1, 2023, and each July 1 thereafter, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the state general fund to the Kansas educator registered apprenticeship grant program fund. Any unexpended balance in such fund at the close of a fiscal year shall remain credited to the fund for use in the succeeding fiscal year.

(f) There is hereby created in the state treasury the Kansas educator registered apprenticeship grant program fund, which shall be administered by the commissioner of education as directed by the state board of education. All expenditures from the Kansas educator registered apprenticeship grant program fund shall be for grants awarded pursuant to the Kansas educator registered apprenticeship grant program. All expenditures from the Kansas educator registered apprenticeship grant program fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the commissioner of education, or the commissioner's designee. All moneys received by the commissioner for the Kansas educator registered apprenticeship grant program shall be deposited in the state treasury in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount

in the state treasury to the credit of the Kansas educator registered apprenticeship grant program fund.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, after "credit" by inserting "program"; in line 3, by striking "program" and inserting "programs"; also in line 3, after "apprenticeships" by inserting "for Kansas businesses, nonprofit organizations, healthcare organizations and teacher apprentices for school districts"; in line 5, after "fund" by inserting "and the Kansas educator registered apprenticeship grant program fund"

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