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HOUSE BILL No. 2248

By Committee on Education Budget

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 AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to the costs of remedial courses; amending K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6438 and repealing the existing section.

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5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) Whenever a postsecondary educational 6 institution offers and provides remedial courses in mathematics and 7 language arts, within 30 days after the close of enrollment at such 8 postsecondary educational institution for the semester or term in which 9 10 such remedial courses are provided, the governing body of such institution shall certify to the department: (1) The number of eligible 11 12 students enrolled in a remedial course for that semester or term and the high school from which each such eligible student graduated; (2) the cost 13 incurred by the postsecondary educational institution on a per student 14 15 basis to provide such remedial courses; and (3) the aggregate amount of tuition and fees such institution charges per student to enroll in and 16 17 receive credit for such remedial courses.

(b) Within 30 days after receipt of the information provided pursuantto subsection (a), the department shall:

20 (1) Determine the aggregate cost for each eligible student to enroll 21 in each remedial course as follows: (A) Determine the aggregate amount of tuition and fees paid by such eligible student for all remedial courses 22 23 such student enrolled in for the semester or term; (B) add to the amount 24 determined under (A) the aggregate cost per student incurred by the 25 postsecondary educational institution as certified pursuant to subsection 26 (a) for all of the remedial courses the eligible student enrolled in for the 27 semester or term. The resulting sum is the aggregate cost for the eligible 28 student.

29 (2) Determine the amount payable to each postsecondary educational institution as follows: (A) Determine the postsecondary 30 educational institution where each eligible student was enrolled in a 31 remedial course; and (B) add together the aggregate costs for each 32 eligible student, as determined in paragraph (1), that was enrolled in the 33 same postsecondary educational institution. The resulting sum for each 34 postsecondary educational institution is the amount payable to such 35 36 postsecondary educational institution.

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Upon determination of the aggregate cost for each eligible student pursuant to subsection (b), the department shall certify to the state treasurer the aggregate cost for each eligible student. The state treasurer

3 shall transfer such certified amount from the state school district finance 4 fund to the postsecondary educational institution remedial course fund, 5 which such fund is hereby established in the state treasury. 6

7 (d) The department shall determine the aggregate cost for remedial 8 courses to be charged to each school district as follows: (1) Determine the school district which awarded each eligible student a high school 9 diploma, or the equivalent thereof; (2) add together the aggregate costs 10 for each eligible student, as determined pursuant to subsection (b), that 11 was awarded a high school diploma, or the equivalent thereof, from the 12 same school district. The resulting sum for each school district is the 13 aggregate cost for remedial courses for such school district. The 14 department shall deduct from each school district the amount of aggregate 15 16 cost for remedial courses from future payments becoming due to such 17 school district.

18 (e) On January 1 and July 1 of each year, or as soon thereafter as 19 moneys are available, the state treasurer shall issue warrants payable to the treasurer of each postsecondary educational institution from the 20 postsecondary educational institution remedial course fund in an amount 21 22 equal to the amount payable to such postsecondary educational institution. Upon receipt of such warrant each postsecondary educational 23 24 institution treasurer shall deposit the amount of such warrant in the 25 general fund of such institution.

26 (f) Each postsecondary educational institution shall grant any eligible student a waiver from all tuition and fees normally charged by 27 such institution for any remedial course such student enrolls in. 28

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(1)"Department" means the department of education.

As used in this section:

"Eligible student" means a student admitted to a postsecondary 31 (2)32 educational institution and enrolled in a remedial course within two years 33 from the date such student graduated from high school.

(3) "Postsecondary educational institution" has the same meaning 34 ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto. 35

(4) "Remedial course" means any credit hour course offered by a 36 37 postsecondary educational institution in the area of mathematics or language arts, which is determined by such institution, in its sole 38 39 discretion, to be remedial.

40 (4)"School district" means a school district organized and 41 operating under the laws of this state.

42 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6438 is hereby amended to read as 43 follows: 72-6438. (a) The state school district finance fund, established

by K.S.A. 1991 Supp. 72-7081 prior to its repeal by the school district 1 finance and quality performance act, is hereby continued in existence and 2 shall consist of: (1) All moneys credited to such fund under K.S.A. 72-3 6418, 72-6431, 72-6441 and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6449 and 72-6451, 4 and amendments thereto;; and (2) all amounts transferred to such fund. 5 (b) The state school district finance fund shall be used for the 6 7 purpose of school district finance, for transfer to the postsecondary educational institution remedial course fund as required by section 1, and 8 amendments thereto, and for no other governmental purpose. It is the 9 intent of the legislature that the fund shall remain intact and inviolate for 10 such purpose purposes, and moneys in the fund shall not be subject to the 11

provisions of K.S.A. 75-3722, 75-3725a and 75-3726a, and amendments thereto.

(c) Amounts in the state school district finance fund shall be
allocated and distributed to school districts as a portion of general state
aid entitlements provided for under this act.

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Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 72-6438 is hereby repealed.

18 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its19 publication in the statute book.

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