

SENATE BILL No. 174

By Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT concerning higher education; authorizing the affiliation of
Wichita area technical college with Wichita state uni ersity; amending
!"#"A" \$2-%%"\$2 and \$%-%' (and !#"A" 2)(* #u++" \$2-%%)a and
re-ealing the e, isting sections"

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

§ New #ection (" - .a/ The Wichita area technical college) authorized and
designated as a technical college +ursuant to !#"A" \$2-%%"\$2) and
& amendments thereto) with a go erning board estallished +ursuant to
() !#"A" \$2-%%)a) and amendments thereto) is hereby affiliated with
((Wichita state uni ersity and the institutional infrastructure of the college is
(2) hereby officially designated as the Wichita state uni ersity cam+us of
(' a++lied sciences and technology' 2 ,ce+ as otherwise +ro ided in this
(% section) the Wichita state uni ersity cam+us of a++lied sciences and
(9) technology shall le go erned ly and o+erated as a technical college
(* cam+us within Wichita state uni ersity'
(\$.1/ - The go erning board of the Wichita area technical college)
(8) estallished +ursuant to !#"A" \$2-%%"\$2)a) and amendments thereto) shall
(& become the industry ad isory board to the +resident of Wichita state
2) uni ersity for the Wichita state uni ersity cam+us of a++lied sciences and
2(technology) and all the +owers and duties estallished in the go erning
22) board of aâ Wichita state uni ersity cam+us of a++lied sciences and technology"
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.c/ - The Wichita state uni ersity cam+us of a++lied sciences and
technology shall offer +ograms that focus on critical areas of regional
com+etiti eness) including credential and degree +ograms ranging from a
general educational de elo+ment .425/ credential to associate of a++lied

- (.2/ - +ro ide in+ut relating to changes in each ad isory loard mem1er:s
2 industry sector that affect academic +rograms"
- ' .d/ ./ - 2 ,ce+t as otherwise +ro ided in this su1section) the following
% +ersons admitted 1y Wichita state uni ersity into the cam+us of a++lied
9 sciences and technology shall not 1e su13ect to the admission re;uirements
* set forth in !"#A" \$*-\$(\$0 and amendments thereto6
- \$.A/ - <ersons admitted as degree-see8ing students in career technical
8 education courses or +rograms terminating with an associate of a++lied
& studies degree; and
- () .B/ - +ersons admitted as nondegree-see8ing students in career
(technical education certificate +rograms"
- (2 .2/ - <ersons admitted into the cam+us of a++lied sciences and
(' technology who su1se;uently see8 to transfer into another school within
(% Wichita state uni ersity) or into a 1achelor:s) masters) doctorate or non-
(9 technical associate degree or certificate +rogram offered at Wichita state
(* uni ersity) shall) at the time of such transfer) 1e su13ect to the admission
(\$ re;uirements set forth in !"#A" \$*-\$(\$0 and amendments thereto"
- (8 .'/ - <ersons admitted 1y Wichita state uni ersity see8ing a non-
(& technical certificate) non-technical associate degree or any 1achelor:s)
2) masters or doctorate degree shall 1e su13ect to the admission re;uirements
2(set forth in !"#A" \$*-\$(\$0 and amendments thereto"
- 22 .e/ - The Wichita state uni ersity cam+us of a++lied sciences and
2' technology shall continue to 1e a technical college and shall 1e eligi1le for
2% funding that is a 1a1le to technical colleges to the e,tent +ro ided 1y
29 law" The amounts of such funding are to 1e determined in the same manner
2* as +ro ided 1y law for technical colleges"
- 2\$.f/ - Whene er the Wichita area technical college) Wichita area
28 ocational school or the Wichita area ocational-technical school) or
2& words of li8e effect) is referred to or designated 1y any statute) contract or
' other document) such reference or designation shall 1e deemed to a++ly to
' (the Wichita state uni ersity cam+us of a++lied sciences and technology'
'2 2 ,ce+t as otherwise +ro ided in this section) the +ro isions of all statutes
' ' of general a++lication to area ocational schools) area ocational-technical
'% schools and technical colleges shall a++ly to the Wichita state uni ersity
'9 cam+us of a++lied sciences and technology' Whene er area ocational
'* schools) area ocational-technical schools or technical colleges are
'\$ defined) referred to or designated in a statute) such definition) referral or
'8 designation shall 1e deemed to a++ly to the Wichita state uni ersity
'& cam+us of a++lied sciences and technology"
- %) .g/ - The affiliation effected 1y this section shall not affect any
(contract) agreement or assurance in effect on the effecti e date of this
(2 section"
- % ' .h/ - #u13ect to authorization 1y the state loard of regents) all

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(+ersonnel of the Wichita area technical college) who are necessary to the
2 o+eration of the Wichita state uni ersity cam+us of a++lied sciences and
' technology) in the o+inion of the +resident of Wichita state uni ersity)
% shall become +ersonnel of Wichita state uni ersity" The em+loyment of
9 such +ersonnel shall be deemed uninterrupted"

* .1/ - No suit) action or other +roceeding) 3udicial or administrati e)
\$ lawfully commenced) or that could ha e been commenced) ly or against
8 the Wichita area technical college) or ly or against any +ersonnel of the
& Wichita area technical college) shall a late ly reason of the affiliation
(effected ly this section" Any such suit) action or other +roceeding may be
((allowed to be maintained ly or against Wichita state uni ersity" No
(2 criminal action commenced or that could ha e been commenced ly the
(' Wichita area technical college shall a late ly reason of the affiliation
(% effected ly this section"

(9 .3/ - The +ro isions of this section shall be effecti e on and after the
(* date the higher learning commission of the north central association of
(\$ colleges and schools a++ro es the affiliation descri ed in subsection .a/"

(8 #ec" 2" - !"#"A" 2)(* #u++" \$2-%%)a is hereby amended to read as
(& follows \$2-%%)a" .a/ Except as provided in subsection d/" all technical
2) college boards colleges shall establish and maintain a +lan for a go erning
2(board) which shall be se+arate and inde+endent of any board of education
22 of any school district) to o+erate) control and manage the technical college"
2' The +lan shall include) but not be limited to) +ro isions relating to

2% .(/ - The com+osition of the inde+endent go erning board;

29 .2/ - the territory of the technical college" =f the territory of the
2* technical college includes more than one county) the +lan shall designate a
2\$ home county;

28 .'/ - the method of election or a++ointment and the terms of ser vice of
2& the mem bers of the inde+endent go erning board;

') .%/ - the date u+on which the inde+endent go erning board shall
' (assume management and control of the technical college;

'2 .9/ - the manner) terms u+on which and e, tent to which the facilities
' ' will be transferred to the inde+endent go erning board and the di ision of
'% other assets and indebtedness and other liabilities; and

'9 .*/ - the manner and terms u+on which faculty) em+loyees and students
'* will be transferred to the inde+endent go erning board" #u13ect to the
'\$ +ro isions of !"#"A" 2)(* #u++" \$2-%%)8) and amendments thereto) such
'8 +ro isions shall specify terms of em+loyment and address other +ersonnel
'& matters"

(%) .1/ - >n the date determined in the a++ro ed +lan) the inde+endent
(% go erning board established under subsection .a/ ~~of this section~~ shall
(2 o+erate sub3ect to the rules) regulations and su+er ision of the state board
(% of regents in the same manner as other technical colleges" Any

(amendments to the plan shall be submitted to the state board of regents for
2 approval"

' .c/ - in addition to such other powers expressly granted by law and
% subject to the provisions of subsection .1/0 the governing board shall have
9 the power to

* .(/ - determine the career technical and general education courses of
\$ instruction that will comprise the associate of applied science degree
8 programs of the college;

& .2/ - establish the requirements for satisfactory completion of the
() associate of applied science degree programs of the college;

((.'/ - confer the associate of applied science degree upon students who
(2 successfully complete an associate of applied science degree program of
(' the college and to award a certificate or diploma to students who
(%) successfully complete a career technical education program of the college;

(9 .%/ - appoint teaching staff and fix, and determine teacher
(*) qualifications, duties and compensation" No teacher appointed to teach
(\$ courses comprising the associate of applied science degree programs of the
(8 college shall be required to meet licensure requirements greater than those
(& required in the state educational institutions;

2) .9/ - have custody of and be responsible for the property of the
2(college and be responsible for the operation, management and control of
22 the college;

2' .*/ - select a chairperson and such other officers as it deems desirable
2% from its membership;

29 .\$/ - sue and be sued;

2* .8/ - appoint and fix, the compensation and term of office of a resident
2\$ or chief administrative officer of the college;

28 .&/ - fix, and determine within state adopted standards all other
2& employees; qualifications, duties, compensation and all other items and
') conditions of employment;

' (.(/ - enter into contracts;

'2 .((/ - accept any gifts, grants or donations;

' ' .(2/ - acquire and dispose of real or personal property;

'% .(' / - enter into lease agreements as lessor of any property owned or
'9 controlled by the college;

'* .(% / - adopt any rules and regulations not inconsistent with any law or
'\$ any rules and regulations of the state board of regents which are necessary
'8 for the administration and operation of the college or for the conduct of
'& business of the governing board;

%) .(9/ - contract with one or more agencies either public or private
(%) whether located within or outside the territory of the college or whether
%2 located within or outside the state of Kansas for the conduct by any such
%' agency of academic or career technical education for students of the

college and to provide for the payment to any such agency for the contracted educational services from any funds or moneys of the college including funds or moneys received from student tuition and fees;

.(*/ - appoint as its resident agent for the purpose of service of process) either the president of the technical college or the chairman of the governing board) or both;

.(\$/ - take any other action) not inconsistent with any law or any rules and regulations of the state board of regents) which is necessary or

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reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the Wichita area