

**State of Kansas**

**Kansas Board of Regents**

**Notice of Hearing on Proposed Revocation, Amendment and Adoption of Administrative Regulations**

The Kansas Board of Regents will conduct a public hearing to consider the revocation of K.A.R. 88-29-12, 88-29-13, 88-29-14, 88-29-15, 88-29-16, 88-29-17, 88-29a-1, 88-29a-5, 88-29a-6, 88-29a-7, 88-29a-8, 88-29a-8c, 88-29a-9, 88-29a-10, 88-29a-11, 88-29a-18, 88-29a-19, 88-29b-1, 88-29b-5, 88-29b-6, 88-29b-7, 88-29b-8, 88-29b-8c, 88-29b-9, and 88-29b-10; the amendment of K.A.R. 88-29a-7a, 88-29b-3, 88-29b-4, 88-29b-7a, 88-29c-1, 88-29c-5, 88-29c-7, 88-29c-9, 88-29d-1, 88-29d-5, 88-29d-7, 88-29d-9, and 88-29d-10; and proposed new regulations K.A.R. 88-29c-6, 88-29c-8, 88-29c-8c, 88-29d-6, 88-29d-8, and 88-29d-8c. The hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on December 14, 2021, in the Kansas Board of Regents Board Room, 1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for receiving written public comments on the proposed revocations, amendments, and new regulations. All interested parties may submit comments prior to the hearing to Renee Burlingham at the Kansas Board of Regents' above address at (785) 430-4239 or via email to [rburlingham@ksbor.org](mailto:rburlingham@ksbor.org). All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally on the proposed amendments to the regulations during the hearing. To provide all parties with an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request each participant limit any oral presentation to five minutes.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations and economic impact statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Renee Burlingham through the contact information listed above. Individuals with hearing and/or speech disabilities may contact the Kansas Relay Center at 800-766-3777 for communication accommodations.

Copies of the proposed regulations, the economic impact statement, and the addendum referenced in the economic impact statement may be found at <http://www.kansasregents.org/about/rules-regulations> or by contacting Renee Burlingham.

A summary of the proposed regulations and the economic impact statement of the regulations follows:

The overall purpose for the proposed amendments, new regulations and revocations for Article 29b and Article 29d is to establish different criteria, beginning with the summer 2022 cohort, for admission to the University of Kansas of first-time freshmen who have graduated from an accredited high school.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in spring of 2020, ACT/SAT testing sites were shut down and in-person testing appointments were cancelled. Since many applicants were not able to take either entrance exam, and therefore weren't able to meet the guaranteed admission requirements at the University of Kansas, the University had to refer those applications to a review committee for consideration.

Currently, the qualified admission regulations applicable to the University of Kansas offer two guaranteed admission options:

- 1) 21+ ACT **and** a minimum 3.25 cumulative high school GPA **or**
- 2) 24+ ACT **and** a minimum 3.0 cumulative high school GPA.

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Both of the options require an ACT score and both options also require that a student achieve at least a 2.5 GPA on any transferable college course work taken while in high school.

The Board of Regents is proposing to replace these two guaranteed admission options for the University of Kansas qualified admissions with the following two options:

- 1) 21+ ACT **and** a minimum 2.0 cumulative high school GPA **or**
- 2) minimum 3.25 cumulative high school GPA<sup>1</sup> regardless of test score.

Both of the above options would require a student to achieve at least a 2.0 GPA on any transferable college course work taken while in high school.

These changes would allow for a test-optional guaranteed admission alternative at the University of Kansas as already exists at the other state universities.

Also, for freshmen admission to the University of Kansas currently, there is an application deadline for guaranteed admission, which is February 1. Applications received after February 1 are referred to the review committee, regardless of whether they meet the ACT and GPA requirements. The Board is proposing a removal of the February 1 deadline for all categories of students thus giving more prospective students the opportunity for guaranteed admission.

The new University of Kansas criteria would be established by amendments to existing regulations that will take effect with the review of applications for the 2022 summer session.

Each of the new regulations in Article 29c and Article 29d will replace existing regulations in Article 29a and Article 29b that are being revoked. The goal is to have the majority of the qualified admissions regulations in just the two newest Articles, 29d for the University of Kansas and 29c for the other five state universities, to make navigating the regulations simpler for students, families, high school administrators and other stakeholders. At this time, the Board of Regents is proposing revocation of 25 Article 29, Article 29a and Article 29b regulations.

The remainder of the proposed amendments are to update internal references.

There is no anticipated economic impact on Kansas high schools from these amendments. The University of Kansas may see an increase in enrollment as more students become eligible for admission and may therefore choose to apply to that institution. If this occurs, and to the extent these students would have chosen to attend other institutions in the state if not eligible for admission to the University of Kansas, those other institutions (some public and some private) may see a decline in enrollment and the students/parents may see a difference in the net cost of attendance they would incur (higher or lower depending on each student's other options as well as potential financial aid awards). However, there are too many factors that go into students' decisions whether and where to attend a postsecondary educational institution to estimate the impact of these regulations on any individual student or institution. Any implementation and compliance costs on businesses, business sectors, public utility ratepayers, other individuals and local government units are expected to be negligible.

There will be no economic impact on other public agencies or private businesses as a result of these regulations and the regulations will neither enhance nor restrict business activities and growth other than as previously mentioned.

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<sup>1</sup> Accredited high schools only

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**88-29-13, 88-29-14, 88-29-15, 88-29-16, and 88-29-17.** (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective Aug. 1, 2007; amended Oct. 16, 2020; revoked P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**88-29a-1.** (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective Feb. 1, 2013;  
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**88-29a-7.** (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective July 22, 2011; amended April 13, 2012; amended Feb. 1, 2013; amended April 24, 2015; amended Oct. 16, 2020; revoked P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**88-29a-7a. Qualifications required for the admission of a nonresident who is 21 or older.** (a) The requirements of this regulation shall apply to any applicant who is a nonresident and who will be 21 or older on the first day of classes at the state educational institution to which the student is applying, except that this regulation shall not apply to any applicant who has earned 24 or more credit hours from an institution of higher education that are transferable to a state educational institution. If an applicant to whom this regulation is applicable does not meet the requirements of this regulation, the applicant may be admitted by means of the exception window for nonresident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. ~~88-29a-8c~~ 88-29c-8c.

(b) Any state educational institution may admit any nonresident who is 21 or older and who meets one of the following criteria requirements:

- (1) Has graduated from an accredited high school; or
- (2) has earned a high school equivalency credential with at least the prescribed minimum scores, as defined in ~~K.A.R. 88-29a-1~~ or K.A.R. 88-29c-1. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective July 22, 2011; amended April 13, 2012; amended April 24, 2015; amended Oct. 16, 2020; amended P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

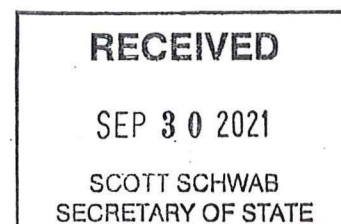
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**88-29a-8c.** (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 76-717, as amended by L. 2012, ch. 168, sec. 11; effective July 22, 2011; amended Feb. 1, 2013; revoked P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

**88-29a-9.** (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective July 22, 2011; amended Oct. 16, 2020; revoked P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

**88-29a-10 and 88-29a-11.** (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective July 22, 2011; amended April 13, 2012; amended Oct. 16, 2020; revoked P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**88-29b-3. Categories of admission.** (a) In the admission policies that are required by ~~K.A.R. 88-29b-9~~ and K.A.R. 88-29d-9, the university of Kansas shall adopt the regular admission category, which shall include any applicant who is given permission from the university to enroll as a degree-seeking student at the university without any conditions or restrictions other than that the student will be subject to all policies of the university.

(b) In the admission policies that are required by ~~K.A.R. 88-29b-9~~ and K.A.R. 88-29d-9, the university of Kansas may adopt one or more admission categories in addition to the regular admission category specified in subsection (a). These additional categories shall be limited to the following:

(1) The temporary admission category, which shall include any applicant who is given permission from the university to enroll as a degree-seeking student at the university for a specified period of time not to exceed one calendar year, during which period the student shall be required to provide the university with the student's complete application file; and

(2) the provisional admission category, which shall include any applicant who is given permission from the university to enroll as a degree-seeking student at the university for a probationary period of time, subject to restrictions that may include any of the following requirements:

(A) The applicant shall enroll only in a limited number of credit hours each semester as specified by the university;

(B) the applicant shall enroll in the developmental or college preparatory courses specified by the university;

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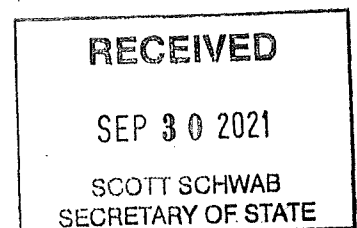
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(C) the applicant shall participate in an advising program specified by the university;

(D) the applicant shall achieve a certain grade point average specified by the university at the end of a period of time specified by the university; and

(E) the applicant shall meet any other provisions established in the university's admission policy for provisional admission established in accordance with ~~K.A.R. 88-29b-9~~ or K.A.R. 88-29d-9.

(c) A student in the regular admission category shall not be in any other admission category.

(d) The temporary and provisional admission categories shall not be mutually exclusive. Each student who is not in the regular admission category shall be admitted into any other category or categories of admission adopted by the university for which the student is eligible. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective Feb. 1, 2013; amended Oct. 16, 2020; amended P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**88-29b-4. Qualifications required for the admission of an applicant with 24 or more transferable college credit hours.** This regulation shall be applicable to the university of Kansas' review of applications beginning with the ~~2016~~ 2022 summer session.

(a) The requirements established in this regulation shall apply to any applicant who has earned 24 or more transferable college credit hours. If an applicant to whom this regulation is applicable does not meet the requirements of subsection (b) or paragraph (d)(1) and does not meet the requirements of K.A.R. 88-29-4, the applicant may be admitted by means of the exception window for resident transfer admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29b-8a or the exception window for nonresident transfer admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29b-8b. Applicants who are admitted pursuant to subsection (c) or paragraph (d)(2) and who do not meet the requirements of K.A.R. 88-29-4 may be admitted only by means of the exception window for resident transfer admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29b-8a or the exception window for nonresident transfer admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29b-8b.

(b) The university of Kansas shall admit any Kansas resident who submits an application for admission to the university on or before July 1 of the academic year for which the student is applying and who meets the following criteria requirements:

- (1) Has earned 24 or more transferable college credit hours; and
- (2) has earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in all transferable postsecondary coursework.

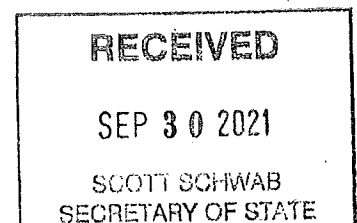
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(c)(1) The university of Kansas may admit any Kansas resident applicant who meets the following ~~conditions~~ requirements:

(A)(i) Submits an application for admission to the university after July 1 of the academic year for which the student is applying; or

(ii) submits an application for admission on or before July 1 but does not meet the ~~criteria~~ requirement specified in ~~subsection (b)~~ paragraph (b)(2); and

(B) is recommended for admission by the university's admission review committee.

(2) The admission review committee shall consider the following factors in making admission recommendations:

(A) The applicant's completed coursework in relation to the admission standards in K.A.R. 88-29-4;

(B) the applicant's grade point average GPA in all postsecondary coursework;

(C) the degree of difficulty of the applicant's postsecondary coursework;

(D) the applicant's grade trend;

(E) the applicant's ability to enhance the cultural, economic, or geographic diversity of the university;

(F) the applicant's academic potential;

(G) any outstanding talent in a particular area that the applicant has demonstrated;

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(H) the applicant's personal challenges or family circumstances that have affected academic performance;

(I) the applicant's eligibility for and likelihood of benefitting from organized support services available at the university; and

(J) any other factors that the admission review committee deems appropriate and that have been included in the university's admission policies established pursuant to K.A.R. ~~88-29b-9~~ 88-29d-9.

(d) The university of Kansas may admit any nonresident applicant who meets one of the following ~~conditions~~ requirements:

(1) Submits an application for admission to the university on or before July 1 of the academic year for which the student is applying and meets the following ~~conditions~~ requirements:

(A) Has earned 24 or more transferable college credit hours; and

(B) has earned a cumulative ~~grade point average~~ GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in all transferable postsecondary coursework;

(2) submits an application for admission to the university after July 1 of the academic year for which the student is applying and is recommended for admission by the university's admission review committee upon consideration of the factors listed in paragraph (c)(2); or

(3) submits an application for admission on or before July 1, does not meet the ~~criteria~~ requirement specified in paragraph (d)(1)(B), and is recommended for admission

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by the university's admission review committee upon consideration of the factors listed  
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**88-29b-5, 88-29b-6, and 88-29b-7.** (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717;  
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**88-29b-7a. Qualifications required for the admission of a nonresident who is 21 or older.** This regulation shall be applicable to the university of Kansas' review of applicants beginning with the ~~2016~~ 2022 summer session.

(a) The requirements of this regulation shall apply to any applicant who is a nonresident and who will be 21 or older on the first day of classes at the university of Kansas, except that this regulation shall not apply to any applicant who has earned 24 or more transferable college credit hours. If an applicant to whom this regulation is applicable does not meet the requirements of subsection (b) and does not meet the requirements of K.A.R. 88-29a-7a, the applicant may be admitted by means of the exception window for nonresident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. ~~88-29b-8e~~ 88-29d-8c. Any applicant who is admitted pursuant to subsection (c) and does not meet the requirements of K.A.R. 88-29a-7a may be admitted only by means of the exception window for nonresident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. ~~88-29b-8e~~ 88-29d-8c.

(b) The university of Kansas may admit any nonresident who is 21 or older; ~~submits an application for admission to the university on or before February 1, and~~ meets one of the following ~~criteria~~ requirements:

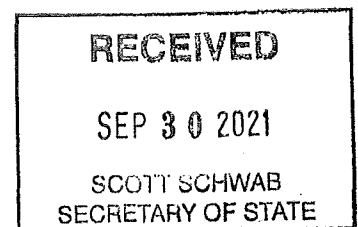
- (1) Has graduated from an accredited high school; or
- (2) has earned a high school equivalency credential with at least the prescribed minimum scores, as defined in K.A.R. ~~88-29b-1~~ or K.A.R. 88-29d-1.

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~~(c) The university of Kansas may admit any nonresident who is 21 or older and meets the following conditions:~~

~~(1)(A) Submits an application for admission to the university after February 1; or~~

~~(B) submits an application for admission on or before February 1 but does not meet the criteria specified in subsection (b); and~~

~~(2) is recommended for admission by the university's admission review committee upon consideration of the factors listed in K.A.R. 88-29b-5(e)(2) or K.A.R. 88-29d-5(e)(2). (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective Feb. 1, 2013; amended April 24, 2015; amended Oct. 16, 2020; amended P-~~

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**88-29c-1. Definitions.** ~~This regulation shall be applicable to each state educational institution's review of applications beginning with the 2021 summer session.~~  
Each of the following terms, wherever used in this article, in article 29, or in article 29a of the board of regents' regulations, shall have the meaning specified in this regulation:

(a) "Accredited high school" means one or more educational institutions that provide secondary instruction to students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 and that are designated accredited, or are within an education system designated accredited, by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of education, by the Kansas state board of education, or by an agency with standards equivalent to those of the United States department of education or the Kansas state board of education.

(b) "Admission" means the permission given by the admission officer of a state educational institution to an applicant to enroll as a degree-seeking student in a state educational institution.

(c) "Admission category" means one of the admission categories adopted by a state educational institution pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29-3.

(d) "Complete application file" means the entire set of the following student records that have been received in the admission office of a state educational institution:

- (1) A completed application to the state educational institution;
- (2) verification that all applicable application fees have been paid;

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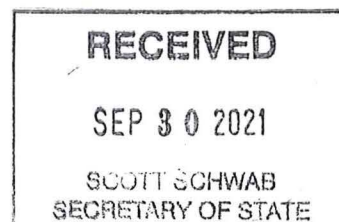
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(3) an official copy of the final transcript from the high school from which the student graduated, including a transcript documenting graduation from high school, or a high school equivalency credential;

(4) when required pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29c-5 or K.A.R. 88-29c-7, an official copy of all ACT or SAT scores; and

(5) any other materials required by the state educational institution for advising or placement purposes.

(e) "Degree-seeking student" means a student who has been accepted for enrollment at a state educational institution and who has formally indicated to the state educational institution the intent to complete a program of study that is designated by the United States department of education as a program that is eligible for federal financial aid.

(f) "Earned a high school equivalency credential with at least the prescribed minimum scores" means one of the following:

(1) Took the GED test on or after January 1, 2014, with an overall score of at least 680 points and a minimum score of 150 points on each subset;

(2) took the high school equivalency test (HiSET) on or after January 1, 2014, with an overall score of at least 75 points and a minimum score of 8 points on each subtest;

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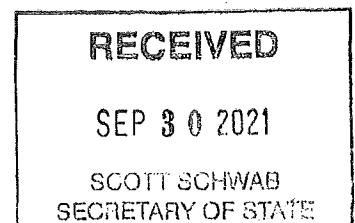
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(3) took the GED test on or after January 1, 2002 and before January 1, 2014, with an overall score of at least 2,550 points and a minimum score of 510 points on each subtest; or

(4) took the GED test before January 1, 2002, with an overall score of at least 250 points and a minimum score of 50 points on each subtest.

(g) "Exception window for nonresident freshman class admissions" means a method by which any state educational institution, pursuant to K.A.R. ~~88-29a-8e~~ 88-29c-8c, may admit a person who is not a resident of Kansas, who does not meet the applicable requirements specified in K.A.R. 88-29-4, K.A.R. 88-29c-7, or K.A.R. 88-29a-7a, and who is not eligible for admission pursuant to the exception window for nonresident transfer admissions.

(h) "Exception window for nonresident transfer admissions" means a method by which any state educational institution, pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29-8b, may admit a person who is not a resident of Kansas and who has earned at least 24 transferable college credit hours but who is not eligible for admission pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29-4.

(i) "Exception window for resident freshman class admissions" means a method by which any state educational institution, pursuant to K.A.R. ~~88-29a-8~~ 88-29c-8, may admit a Kansas resident who does not meet the applicable requirements specified in K.A.R. 88-29-4, K.A.R. 88-29c-5, or K.A.R. ~~88-29a-6~~ 88-29c-6 and who is not eligible for admission pursuant to the exception window for resident transfer admissions.

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(j) "Exception window for resident transfer admissions" means a method by which any state educational institution, pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29-8a, may admit a Kansas resident who has earned at least 24 transferable college credit hours but who is not eligible for admission pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29-4.

(k) "Institution of higher education" means an educational institution in any state, territory, or country that meets the following criteria requirements:

(1) Meets one of the following requirements:

(A) Offers a course of instruction designated by the United States department of education as a program that is eligible for federal financial aid; or

(B) offers a course of instruction that is equivalent to a program designated by the United States department of education as a program that is eligible for federal financial aid;

(2) is legally authorized within the state, territory, or country that appears on the transcript to provide a program of education beyond secondary education; and

(3) meets one of the following requirements:

(A) Is accredited by an accrediting agency or association that is recognized by the United States department of education or an international accrediting agency; or

(B) has been granted preaccreditation status by an accrediting agency or association that is recognized by either the United States department of education or an international accrediting agency.

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(l) "Kansas resident" means a person determined to be a resident for fee purposes, pursuant to K.S.A. 76-729 and amendments thereto.

(m) "Non-accredited private secondary school" has the meaning specified in K.A.R. 88-26-1. This term may include a home school.

(n) "Non-degree-seeking student" means a student who has been accepted for enrollment in a state educational institution and who has formally indicated to the state educational institution the intent to enroll for self-enrichment or other reasons, excluding the intent to complete a course of study that is designated by the United States department of education as a program that is eligible for federal financial aid.

(o) "State educational institution" has the meaning specified in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, except that, as used in this article, in article 29, or in article 29a of the board of regents' regulations, the term shall not include the university of Kansas.

(p) "Transferable college credit hours" means postsecondary coursework that an admitting state educational institution will accept. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective Oct. 16, 2020; amended P-\_\_\_\_\_).

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**88-29c-5. Qualifications required for the admission of a Kansas resident**

**who is under the age of 21.** ~~This regulation shall be applicable to each state educational institution's review of applicants beginning with the 2021 summer session.~~

(a) The requirements in this regulation shall apply to any applicant who is a Kansas resident and is under the age of 21, except that the requirements shall not apply to any applicant who has earned 24 or more credit hours from an institution of higher education that are transferable to a state educational institution. If an applicant to whom this regulation is applicable does not meet the requirements of this regulation, the applicant may be admitted by means of the exception window for resident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29a-8 88-29c-8.

(b) Each state educational institution shall admit any Kansas resident under the age of 21 who meets the following requirements:

(1) Has graduated from an accredited high school in Kansas or, pursuant to K.S.A. 76-717b and amendments thereto, an accredited high school located out of state;

(2) meets at least one of the following criteria requirements:

(A) Has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 21;

or

(B)(i) For applicants to Emporia state university, Fort Hays state university, Pittsburg state university, and Wichita state university, graduated from high school with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.25 on a 4.0 scale; and

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(ii) for applicants to Kansas state university, graduated from high school with a minimum cumulative ~~grade point average~~ GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale; and

(3) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours.

(c) Each state educational institution shall admit any Kansas resident under the age of 21 who meets the following requirements:

(1) Has graduated from a non-accredited private secondary school;

(2) has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 21;

and

(3) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours.

(d) Each state educational institution shall admit any Kansas resident who is under the age of 21 and who meets the following requirements:

(1) Has earned a high school equivalency credential with at least the prescribed minimum scores, as defined in K.A.R. 88-29c-1;

(2) has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 21;

and

(3) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective Oct. 16, 2020; amended P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**88-29c-6. Qualifications required for the admission of a Kansas resident who is 21 or older.** (a) The requirements in this regulation shall apply to any applicant who is a Kansas resident and who will be 21 or older on the first day of classes at the state educational institution to which the student is applying, except that the requirements shall not apply to any applicant who has earned 24 or more credit hours from an institution of higher education that are transferable to a state educational institution. If an applicant to whom this regulation is applicable does not meet the requirements of this regulation, the applicant may be admitted by means of the exception window for resident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29c-8.

(b) Each state educational institution shall admit any Kansas resident who is 21 or older and who meets one of the following requirements:

- (1) Has graduated from an accredited high school in Kansas or, pursuant to K.S.A. 76-717b and amendments thereto, an accredited high school located out of state;
- (2) has graduated from a non-accredited private secondary school; or
- (3) has earned a high school equivalency credential with at least the prescribed minimum scores, as defined in K.A.R. 88-29c-1. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

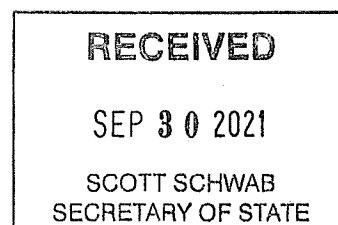
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**88-29c-7. Qualifications required for the admission of a nonresident who is under the age of 21.** This regulation shall be applicable to each state educational institution's review of applicants beginning with the 2021 summer session.

(a) The requirements in this regulation shall apply to any applicant who is a nonresident and is under the age of 21, except that the requirements shall not apply to any applicant who has earned 24 or more transferable college credit hours. If an applicant to whom this regulation is applicable does not meet the requirements in this regulation, the applicant may be admitted by means of the exception window for nonresident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. ~~88-29a-8c~~ 88-29c-8c.

(b) Any state educational institution may admit any nonresident under the age of 21 who meets the following requirements:

(1) Has graduated from an accredited high school;

(2) meets at least one of the following criteria requirements:

(A) Has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 21;

or

(B)(i) For applicants to Emporia state university, Fort Hays state university, Pittsburg state university, and Wichita state university, graduated from high school with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.25 on a 4.0 scale; and

(ii) for applicants to Kansas state university, graduated from high school with a minimum cumulative grade point average GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale; and

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(3) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours.

(c) Any state educational institution may admit any nonresident under the age of 21 who meets the following requirements:

(1) Has graduated from a non-accredited private secondary school;

(2) has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 21;

and

(3) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours.

(d) Any state educational institution may admit any nonresident under the age of 21 who meets the following requirements:

(1) Has earned a high school equivalency credential with at least the prescribed minimum scores, as defined in K.A.R. 88-29c-1;

(2) has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 21;

and

(3) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective Oct. 16, 2020; amended P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**88-29c-8. The exception window for resident freshman class admissions.**

(a) Any state educational institution may admit any Kansas resident who does not meet the applicable requirements specified in K.A.R. 88-29c-5 or K.A.R. 88-29c-6 and who has earned fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours by means of the exception window for resident freshman class admissions. The maximum number of students admitted by means of this exception window shall be calculated as follows:

(1) The total number of admitted new students who have earned fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours, regardless of admission category, shall be counted on the twentieth day of the fall, spring, and summer sessions of each academic year.

(2) The maximum number of admissions calculated using this exception window shall be equal to 10 percent of the sum of the three numbers counted in paragraph (a)(1).

(b) In determining which students to admit as exceptions pursuant to this regulation, the state educational institution shall give preference to persons who are in military service, as defined in K.S.A. 76-717 and amendments thereto.

(c) If the state educational institution exceeds the allotted number of admissions using this exception window, the excess over the allowable total number of exceptions shall be subtracted from the subsequent year's allowable total number of exceptions for resident freshman class admissions.

(d) Each state educational institution shall require each student who is admitted as an exception to the minimum qualified admission standards pursuant to this

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regulation to adopt an individual plan for success, before enrollment, and subsequently review that individual plan for success, as required by K.S.A. 76-717 and amendments thereto. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective P-  
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**88-29c-8c. The exception window for nonresident freshman class**

**admissions.** (a) Any state educational institution may admit any nonresident who does not meet the applicable requirements specified in K.A.R. 88-29c-7 or K.A.R. 88-29a-7a and who has earned fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours, by means of the exception window for nonresident freshman class admissions. The maximum number of students admitted by means of this exception window shall be calculated as follows:

(1) The total number of admitted new nonresident students who have earned fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours, regardless of admission category, shall be counted on the twentieth day of the fall, spring, and summer sessions of each academic year.

(2) The maximum number of admissions that may be made using this exception window shall be equal to 10 percent of the sum of the three numbers counted in paragraph (a)(1) or 50 students, whichever is greater.

(b) In determining which students to admit as exceptions pursuant to this regulation, the state educational institution shall give preference to persons who are in military service, as defined in K.S.A. 76-717 and amendments thereto.

(c) If the state educational institution exceeds the allotted number of admissions using this exception window, the excess over the allowable total number of exceptions shall be subtracted from the subsequent year's allowable total number of exceptions for nonresident freshman class admissions.

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(d) Each state educational institution shall require each student who is admitted as an exception to the minimum qualified admission standards pursuant to this regulation to adopt an individual plan for success, before enrollment, and subsequently review that individual plan for success, as required by K.S.A. 76-717 and amendments thereto. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective P-  
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**88-29c-9. Admission policies for state educational institutions.** This regulation shall be applicable to each state educational institution's review of applicants beginning with the 2021 summer session. The president of each state educational institution or a designee shall establish admission policies that meet all of the following requirements:

- (a) The policies shall not conflict with the provisions of this article of the board of regents' regulations.
- (b) The policies shall specify the materials required for a complete application file.
- (c) The policies shall address the enrollment of both degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking students as well as each student's transition from degree-seeking to non-degree-seeking status or from non-degree-seeking to degree-seeking status. Policies shall mandate that each non-degree-seeking student who applies to enroll as a degree-seeking student shall be admitted only if one of the following conditions is met:

(1) The student meets the applicable requirements specified in K.A.R. 88-29-4, K.A.R. 88-29c-5, K.A.R. ~~88-29a-6~~ 88-29c-6, K.A.R. 88-29c-7, and K.A.R. 88-29a-7a.

(2) The student is admitted by means of the exception window for resident freshmen class admissions described in K.A.R. ~~88-29a-8~~ 88-29c-8.

(3) The student is admitted by means of the exception window for resident transfer admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29-8a.

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(4) The student is admitted by means of the exception window for nonresident transfer admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29-8b.

(5) The student is admitted by means of the exception window for nonresident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. ~~88-29a-8e~~ 88-29c-8c.

(d) The policies shall include an explanation of the exception windows and the state educational institution's method to determine which applicants would be admitted if there were more applicants than the state educational institution is allowed under K.A.R. ~~88-29a-8~~ 88-29c-8, K.A.R. 88-29-8a, K.A.R. 88-29-8b, or K.A.R. ~~88-29a-8e~~ 88-29c-8c.

(e) The policies may include the establishment of subcategories of non-degree-seeking students.

(f) The policies shall include a statement indicating whether the state educational institution will consider, in the admission decision, any postsecondary credit from an institution that is not accredited and has not been granted preaccreditation status by an agency recognized by the United States department of education or by an equivalent international agency. If the state educational institution considers these credits, the admission decision shall be made in accordance with K.A.R. 88-29-4.

(g) The policies shall include a statement of whether the state educational institution enrolls students in the temporary or provisional admission category.

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(1) If the state educational institution enrolls any students in the temporary admission category, the policies shall include the following:

(A) A description of requirements for exiting the temporary admission category and entering another admission category;

(B) a statement that a temporarily admitted student may be denied admission to a specific degree program;

(C) a statement that each student who fails to exit from the temporary admission category within the specified period of time shall be disenrolled; and

(D) a statement that each applicant who is admitted in the temporary admission category pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29c-10(a)(2) shall be allowed to exit from the temporary admission category and enter the regular admission category only upon verification of high school graduation.

(2) If the state educational institution enrolls any students in the provisional admission category, the policies shall include the following:

(A) A description of requirements for exiting the provisional admission category and entering another admission category;

(B) a statement that any student admitted in the provisional admission category may be denied admission to a specific degree program; and

(C) a statement that each student who fails to exit from the provisional admission category within the period of time specified by the state educational institution shall be disenrolled.

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(3) The state educational institution's policy shall mandate that a student who meets the criteria requirements for both the temporary and provisional admission categories shall not be granted regular admission until the student fulfils the requirements for exiting each of the categories in which the student is initially enrolled.

(h) The admission policy of each state educational institution shall be required to be approved in advance by the board of regents. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective Oct. 16, 2020; amended P-  
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**88-29d-1. Definitions.** ~~This regulation shall be applicable to the university of~~  
~~Kansas' review of applications beginning with the 2021 summer session.~~ Each of the  
following terms, wherever used in this article or in article 29b of the board of regents'  
regulations, shall have the meaning specified in this regulation:

(a) "Accredited high school" means one or more educational institutions that  
provide secondary instruction to students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 and that are  
designated accredited, or are within an education system designated accredited, by an  
accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of education, by the  
Kansas state board of education, or by an agency with standards equivalent to those of  
the United States department of education or the Kansas state board of education.

(b) "Admission" means the permission given by the admission officer of the  
university of Kansas to an applicant to enroll as a degree-seeking student in the  
university of Kansas.

(c) "Admission category" means one of the admission categories adopted by the  
university of Kansas pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29b-3.

(d) "Complete application file" means the entire set of the following student  
records that have been received in the admission office of the university of Kansas:

- (1) A completed application to the university of Kansas;
- (2) verification that all applicable application fees have been paid;

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(3) an official copy of the final transcript from the high school from which the student graduated, including a transcript documenting graduation from high school, or a high school equivalency credential;

(4) when required pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29c-5, K.A.R. 88-29d-5, K.A.R. 88-29c-7, or K.A.R. 88-29d-7, an official copy of all ACT or SAT scores; and

(5) any other materials required by the university of Kansas for advising or placement purposes.

(e) "Degree-seeking student" means a student who has been accepted for enrollment at the university of Kansas and who has formally indicated to the university of Kansas the intent to complete a program of study that is designated by the United States department of education as a program that is eligible for federal financial aid.

(f) "Earned a high school equivalency credential with at least the prescribed minimum scores" means one of the following:

(1) Took the GED test on or after January 1, 2014, with an overall score of at least 680 points and a minimum score of 150 points on each subset;

(2) took the high school equivalency test (HiSET) on or after January 1, 2014, with an overall score of at least 75 points and a minimum score of 8 points on each subtest;

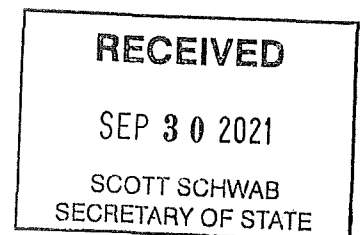
(3) took the GED test on or after January 1, 2002 and before January 1, 2014, with an overall score of at least 2,550 points and a minimum score of 510 points on each subtest; or

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(4) took the GED test before January 1, 2002, with an overall score of at least 250 points and a minimum score of 50 points on each subtest.

(g) "Exception window for nonresident freshman class admissions" means a method by which the university of Kansas, pursuant to K.A.R. ~~88-29b-8c~~ 88-29d-8c, may admit a person who is not a resident of Kansas, who does not meet the applicable requirements specified in K.A.R. 88-29-4, K.A.R. 88-29b-4, K.A.R. 88-29c-7, K.A.R. 88-29d-7, K.A.R. 88-29a-7a, or K.A.R. 88-29b-7a, and who is not eligible for admission pursuant to the exception window for nonresident transfer admissions.

(h) "Exception window for nonresident transfer admissions" means a method by which the university of Kansas, pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29b-8b, may admit a person who is not a resident of Kansas and has earned at least 24 transferable college credit hours but who is not eligible for admission pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29-4 or K.A.R. 88-29b-4.

(i) "Exception window for resident freshman class admissions" means a method by which the university of Kansas, pursuant to K.A.R. ~~88-29b-8~~ 88-29d-8, may admit a Kansas resident who does not meet the applicable requirements specified in K.A.R. 88-29-4, K.A.R. 88-29b-4, K.A.R. 88-29c-5, K.A.R. 88-29d-5, K.A.R. ~~88-29a-6~~ 88-29c-6, or K.A.R. ~~88-29b-6~~ 88-29d-6 and who is not eligible for admission pursuant to the exception window for resident transfer admissions.

(j) "Exception window for resident transfer admissions" means a method by which the university of Kansas, pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29b-8a, may admit a Kansas resident

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who has earned at least 24 transferable college credit hours but is not eligible for admission pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29-4 or K.A.R. 88-29b-4.

(k) "Institution of higher education" means an educational institution in any state, territory, or country that meets the following criteria requirements:

(1) Meets one of the following requirements:

(A) Offers a course of instruction designated by the United States department of education as a program that is eligible for federal financial aid; or

(B) offers a course of instruction that is equivalent to a program designated by the United States department of education as a program that is eligible for federal financial aid;

(2) is legally authorized within the state, territory, or country that appears on the transcript to provide a program of education beyond secondary education; and

(3) meets one of the following requirements:

(A) Is accredited by an accrediting agency or association that is recognized by the United States department of education or an international accrediting agency; or

(B) has been granted preaccreditation status by an accrediting agency or association that is recognized by either the United States department of education or an international accrediting agency.

(l) "Kansas resident" means a person determined to be a resident for fee purposes, pursuant to K.S.A. 76-729 and amendments thereto.

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(m) "Non-accredited private secondary school" has the meaning specified in K.A.R. 88-26-1. This term may include a home school.

(n) "Non-degree-seeking student" means a student who has been accepted for enrollment at the university of Kansas and who has formally indicated to the university the intent to enroll for self-enrichment or other reasons, excluding the intent to complete a course of study that is designated by the United States department of education as a program that is eligible for federal financial aid.

(o) "State educational institution" has the meaning specified in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.

(p) "Transferable college credit hours" means postsecondary coursework that the university of Kansas will accept. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective Oct. 16, 2020; amended P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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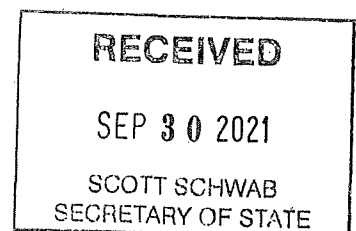
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**88-29d-5. Qualifications required for the admission of a Kansas resident who is under the age of 21.** This regulation shall be applicable to the university of Kansas' review of applicants beginning with the ~~2024~~ 2022 summer session.

(a) The requirements in this regulation shall apply to any applicant who is a Kansas resident and is under the age of 21, except that the requirements shall not apply to any applicant who has earned 24 or more transferable college credit hours. If an applicant to whom this regulation is applicable does not meet the requirements of subsections (b), (c), and (d) and does not meet the requirements of K.A.R. 88-29c-5, the applicant may be admitted by means of the exception window for resident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29b-8 88-29d-8. Any applicant who is admitted pursuant to subsection (e) and does not meet the requirements of K.A.R. 88-29c-5 may be admitted only by means of the exception window for resident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29b-8 88-29d-8.

(b) The university of Kansas shall admit any Kansas resident under the age of 21 who ~~submits an application for admission to the university on or before February 1 and~~ meets either of the following requirements:

(1)(A) Has graduated from an accredited high school in Kansas or, pursuant to K.S.A. 76-717b and amendments thereto, an accredited high school located out of state, with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of ~~3.0~~ 2.0 on a 4.0 scale;

(B) has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 24 21; and

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(C) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of ~~2.5~~ 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours; or

(2)(A) Has graduated from an accredited high school in Kansas or, pursuant to K.S.A. 76-717b and amendments thereto, an accredited high school located out of state, with a minimum cumulative grade point average GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale; and

(B) ~~has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 21;~~  
~~and~~

~~(C)~~ has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of ~~2.5~~ 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours.

(c) The university of Kansas shall admit any Kansas resident under the age of 21 who ~~submits an application for admission to the university on or before February 1~~ and meets either of the following requirements:

(1)(A) Has graduated from a non-accredited private secondary school with a minimum cumulative grade point average GPA of ~~3.0~~ 2.0 on a 4.0 scale;

(B) ~~(2)~~ has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least ~~24~~ 21; and

~~(C)~~ ~~(3)~~ has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of ~~2.5~~ 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours; or

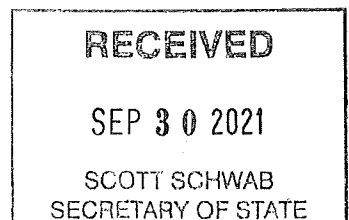
~~(2)(A) Has graduated from a non-accredited private secondary school with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale;~~

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~~(B) has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 21;~~  
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~~(C) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours.~~

(d) The university of Kansas shall admit any Kansas resident under the age of 21 who ~~submits an application for admission to the university on or before February 1 and~~ who meets the following requirements:

(1) Has earned a high school equivalency credential with at least the prescribed minimum scores, as defined in K.A.R. 88-29d-1;

(2) has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 21;  
and

(3) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours taken after high school; and

(4) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours taken while in high school.

(e)(1) The university of Kansas may admit any Kansas resident under the age of 21 who meets the following conditions:

(A)(i) ~~Submits an application for admission to the university after February 1; or~~  
(ii) ~~submits an application for admission on or before February 1 but Does not~~ meet the criteria high school minimum cumulative GPA or ACT score requirements specified in subsections (b), (c), and (d); and

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(B) is recommended for admission by the university's admission review committee.

(2) The admission review committee shall consider the following factors in making admission recommendations:

- (A) The applicant's completed coursework;
- (B) the applicant's academic performance, including the following:
  - (i) Grade point average in all high school coursework;
  - (ii) ACT scores; and
  - (iii) high school class rank;
- (C) the degree of difficulty of the applicant's high school coursework;
- (D) the applicant's grade trend;
- (E) the applicant's ability to enhance the cultural, economic, or geographic diversity of the university;
- (F) the applicant's academic potential;
- (G) any outstanding talent in a particular area that the applicant has demonstrated;
- (H) the applicant's successful completion of advanced placement, international baccalaureate, and dual-credit coursework while in high school;
- (I) specification of whether the applicant is a first-generation postsecondary student;

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(J) the applicant's personal challenges or family circumstances that have affected academic performance;

(K) the applicant's eligibility for and likelihood of benefitting from organized support services available at the university; and

(L) any other factors that the admission review committee deems appropriate and that have been included in the university's admission policies established pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29d-9. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective Oct. 16, 2020; amended P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**88-29d-6. Qualifications required for the admission of a Kansas resident who is 21 or older.** This regulation shall be applicable to the university of Kansas' review of applicants beginning with the 2022 summer session.

(a) The requirements in this regulation shall apply to any applicant who is a Kansas resident and who will be 21 or older on the first day of classes at the university of Kansas, except that the requirements shall not apply to any applicant who has earned 24 or more transferable college credit hours. If an applicant to whom this regulation is applicable does not meet the requirements of subsection (b) and does not meet the requirements of K.A.R. 88-29c-6, the applicant may be admitted by means of the exception window for resident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29d-8. Any applicant who is admitted pursuant to subsection (c) and does not meet the requirements of K.A.R. 88-29c-6 may be admitted only by means of the exception window for resident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29d-8.

(b) The university of Kansas shall admit any Kansas resident who is 21 or older and meets one of the following requirements:

(1) Has graduated from an accredited high school in Kansas or, pursuant to K.S.A. 76-717b and amendments thereto, an accredited high school located out of state;

(2) has graduated from a non-accredited private secondary school; or

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(3) has earned a high school equivalency credential with at least the prescribed minimum scores, as defined in K.A.R. 88-29d-1. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**88-29d-7. Qualifications required for the admission of a nonresident who is under the age of 21.** This regulation shall be applicable to the university of Kansas' review of applicants beginning with the 2021 2022 summer session.

(a) The requirements in this regulation shall apply to any applicant who is a nonresident and is under the age of 21, except that the requirements shall not apply to any applicant who has earned 24 or more transferable college credit hours. If an applicant to whom this regulation is applicable does not meet the requirements in subsections (b), (c), and (d) and does not meet the requirements of K.A.R. 88-29c-7, the applicant may be admitted by means of the exception window for nonresident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29b-8e 88-29d-8c. Any applicant who is admitted pursuant to subsection (e) and does not meet the requirements of K.A.R. 88-29c-7 may be admitted only by means of the exception window for nonresident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29b-8e 88-29d-8c.

(b) The university of Kansas may admit any nonresident under the age of 21 who ~~submits an application for admission to the university on or before February 1 and~~ meets either of the following requirements:

(1)(A) Has graduated from an accredited high school with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of ~~3.0~~ 2.0 on a 4.0 scale;

(B) has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 24 21; and

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(C) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of ~~2.5~~ 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours; or

(2)(A) Has graduated from an accredited high school with a minimum cumulative grade point average GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale; and

~~(B) has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 21;~~  
and

~~(C) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5~~ 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours.

(c) The university of Kansas may admit any nonresident under the age of 21 who ~~submits an application for admission to the university on or before February 1 and~~ meets either of the following requirements:

(1)(A) Has graduated from a non-accredited private secondary school with a minimum cumulative grade point average GPA of ~~3.0~~ 2.0 on a 4.0 scale;

~~(B) (2)~~ (2) has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 24 21; and

~~(C) (3)~~ (3) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of ~~2.5~~ 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours; ~~or~~

~~(2)(A) Has graduated from a non-accredited private secondary school with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale;~~

~~(B) has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 21;~~  
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~~(C) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours.~~

(d) The university of Kansas may admit any nonresident under the age of 21 who ~~submits an application for admission to the university on or before February 1 and~~ meets the following requirements:

(1) Has earned a high school equivalency credential with at least the prescribed minimum scores, as defined in K.A.R. 88-29d-1;

(2) has achieved a composite score or a superscore on the ACT of at least 21;  
and

(3) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours taken after high school; and

(4) has achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all transferable college credit hours taken while in high school.

(e) The university of Kansas may admit any nonresident under the age of 21 who meets the following conditions:

(1)(A) ~~Submits an application for admission to the university after February 1; or~~  
(B) ~~submits an application for admission on or before February 1 but Does not~~ meet the criteria high school minimum cumulative GPA or ACT score requirements specified in subsections (b), (c), and (d); and

(2) is recommended for admission by the university's admission review committee upon consideration of the factors listed in K.A.R. 88-29d-5(e)(2). (Authorized

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**88-29d-8. The exception window for resident freshman class admissions.**

This regulation shall be applicable to the university of Kansas' review of applicants beginning with the 2022 summer session.

(a) The university of Kansas may admit any Kansas resident who does not meet the applicable requirements specified in K.A.R. 88-29d-5(b), (c), or (d), K.A.R. 88-29d-6, K.A.R. 88-29c-5, or K.A.R. 88-29c-6 and who has earned fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours by means of the exception window for resident freshman class admissions. The maximum number of students admitted by means of this exception window shall be calculated as follows:

(1) The total number of admitted new students who have earned fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours, regardless of admission category, shall be counted on the twentieth day of the fall, spring, and summer sessions of each academic year.

(2) The maximum number of admissions calculated using this exception window shall be equal to 10 percent of the sum of the three numbers counted in paragraph (a)(1).

(b) In determining which students to admit as exceptions pursuant to this regulation, the university of Kansas shall give preference to persons who are in military service, as defined in K.S.A. 76-717 and amendments thereto.

(c) If the university of Kansas exceeds the allotted number of admissions using this exception window, the excess over the allowable total number of exceptions shall

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be subtracted from the subsequent year's allowable total number of exceptions for resident freshman class admissions.

(d) The university of Kansas shall require each student who is admitted as an exception to the minimum qualified admission standards pursuant to this regulation to adopt an individual plan for success, before enrollment, and subsequently review that individual plan for success, as required by K.S.A. 76-717 and amendments thereto.

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**88-29d-8c. The exception window for nonresident freshman class**

**admissions.** This regulation shall be applicable to the university of Kansas' review of applicants beginning with the 2022 summer session.

(a) The university of Kansas may admit any nonresident who does not meet the applicable requirements specified in K.A.R. 88-29d-7(b), (c), or (d), K.A.R. 88-29b-7a(b), K.A.R. 88-29c-7, or K.A.R. 88-29a-7a and who has earned fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours, by means of the exception window for nonresident freshman class admissions. The maximum number of students admitted by means of this exception window shall be calculated as follows:

(1) The total number of admitted new nonresident students who have earned fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours, regardless of admission category, shall be counted on the twentieth day of the fall, spring, and summer sessions of each academic year.

(2) The maximum number of admissions that may be made using this exception window shall be equal to 10 percent of the sum of the three numbers counted in paragraph (a)(1) or 50 students, whichever is greater.

(b) In determining which students to admit as exceptions pursuant to this regulation, the university of Kansas shall give preference to persons who are in military service, as defined in K.S.A. 76-717 and amendments thereto.

(c) If the university of Kansas exceeds the allotted number of admissions using this exception window, the excess over the allowable total number of exceptions shall

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be subtracted from the subsequent year's allowable total number of exceptions for nonresident freshman class admissions.

(d) The university of Kansas shall require each student who is admitted as an exception to the minimum qualified admission standards pursuant to this regulation to adopt an individual plan for success, before enrollment, and subsequently review that individual plan for success, as required by K.S.A. 76-717 and amendments thereto.

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**88-29d-9. Admission policies.** ~~This regulation shall be applicable to the university of Kansas' review of applicants beginning with the 2021 summer session.~~ The chancellor of the university of Kansas or a designee shall establish admission policies that meet all of the following requirements:

(a) The policies shall not conflict with the provisions of this article of the board of regents' regulations or, where applicable, the provisions of articles 29, 29a, 29b, and 29c of the board of regents' regulations.

(b) The policies shall specify the materials required for a complete application file.

(c) The policies shall address the enrollment of both degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking students as well as each student's transition from degree-seeking to non-degree-seeking status or from non-degree-seeking to degree-seeking status. Policies shall mandate that each non-degree-seeking student who applies to enroll as a degree-seeking student shall be admitted only if one of the following conditions is met:

(1) The student meets the applicable requirements specified in K.A.R. 88-29b-4, through K.A.R. 88-29b-7a, and K.A.R. 88-29d-5, and K.A.R. through 88-29d-7.

(2) The student is admitted by means of the exception window for resident freshmen class admissions described in K.A.R. ~~88-29b-8~~ 88-29d-8.

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(3) The student is admitted by means of the exception window for resident transfer admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29b-8a.

(4) The student is admitted by means of the exception window for nonresident transfer admissions described in K.A.R. 88-29b-8b.

(5) The student is admitted by means of the exception window for nonresident freshman class admissions described in K.A.R. ~~88-29b-8c~~ 88-29d-8c.

(d) The policies shall include an explanation of the exception windows and the university of Kansas' method to determine which applicants would be admitted if there were more applicants than the university is allowed under K.A.R. ~~88-29b-8~~ 88-29d-8, K.A.R. 88-29b-8a, K.A.R. 88-29b-8b, or K.A.R. ~~88-29b-8c~~ 88-29d-8c.

(e) The policies may include the establishment of subcategories of non-degree-seeking students.

(f) The policies shall include a statement indicating whether the university of Kansas will consider, in the admission decision, any postsecondary credit from an institution that is not accredited and has not been granted preaccreditation status by an agency recognized by the United States department of education or by an equivalent international agency. If the university considers these credits, the admission decision shall be made in accordance with K.A.R. 88-29-4 or K.A.R. 88-29b-4.

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(g) The policies shall include a statement of whether the university of Kansas enrolls students in the temporary or provisional admission category.

(1) If the university of Kansas enrolls any students in the temporary admission category, the policies shall include the following:

(A) A description of requirements for exiting the temporary admission category and entering another admission category;

(B) a statement that a temporarily admitted student may be denied admission to a specific degree program;

(C) a statement that each student who fails to exit from the temporary admission category within the specified period of time shall be disenrolled; and

(D) a statement that each applicant who is admitted in the temporary admission category pursuant to K.A.R. 88-29d-10(a)(2) shall be allowed to exit from the temporary admission category and enter the regular admission category only upon verification of high school graduation.

(2) If the university of Kansas enrolls any students in the provisional admission category, the policies shall include the following:

(A) A description of requirements for exiting the provisional admission category and entering another admission category;

(B) a statement that any student admitted in the provisional admission category may be denied admission to a specific degree program; and

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(C) a statement that each student who fails to exit from the provisional admission category within the period of time specified by the university shall be disenrolled.

(3) The policies shall mandate that a student who meets the criteria requirements for both the temporary and provisional admission categories shall not be granted regular admission until the student fulfills the requirements for exiting each of the categories in which the student is initially enrolled.

(h) The policies shall be required to be approved in advance by the board of regents. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective Oct. 16, 2020; amended P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**88-29d-10. Methods for evaluating qualifications for admission.** This regulation shall be applicable to the university of Kansas' review of applicants beginning with the ~~2024~~ 2022 summer session.

(a) The admission officer at the university of Kansas shall consider each applicant's ACT or SAT scores as follows:

(1) A documented score of 1060 on the SAT, excluding the writing portion of the SAT, shall be deemed the equivalent of a composite score of 21 or superscore of 21 on the ACT for purposes of this article of the board of regents' regulations. A documented score of 1160 on the SAT, excluding the writing portion of the SAT, shall be deemed the equivalent of a composite score of 24 on the ACT for purposes of this article of the board of regents' regulations.

(2) A documented composite score or a documented superscore of 21 or above on the ACT may be used to admit an applicant in the temporary admission category after the applicant's completion of the sixth high school semester, without further review of the applicant's materials.

(3) The admission officer shall consider the applicant's best ACT-issued composite score or superscore for admission decisions.

(4) If an applicant has taken both the ACT and the SAT, the admission officer shall consider the applicant's better score on the two tests for admission decisions.

(b) If the high school has not already calculated the overall grade point average (GPA) and provided that information on the official high school transcript, the admission

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officer at the university of Kansas shall calculate the overall grade point average GPA for any applicant seeking admission pursuant to the GPA option specified in K.A.R. 88-29d-5, or K.A.R. 88-29d-7, as follows:

(1) The admission officer shall calculate a grade point average GPA only for courses appearing on the applicant's official high school transcript.

(2)(A) If the high school transcript reports grades on a four-point scale, the admission officer shall calculate grade point averages GPAs by assigning four points to a grade of A, three points to a grade of B, two points to a grade of C, one point to a grade of D, and zero points to a grade of F. Pluses and minuses shall not be considered in the calculation.

(B) If the high school transcript reports grades on a scale other than a four-point scale, the admission officer shall mathematically convert the grades to a four-point scale and assign points as described in paragraph (b)(2)(A).

(3) The admission officer shall consider grades of P or pass as follows:

(A) If the high school transcript indicates that a P is equivalent to a grade of D or higher, the admission officer shall assign one grade point to each grade of P.

(B) If the high school transcript indicates that a P is equivalent to a grade of C or higher, the admission officer shall assign two grade points to each grade of P.

(C) If the high school transcript does not indicate the minimum letter grade corresponding to a P, the admission officer shall assign one grade point to each grade of P.

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(4) If an applicant has retaken a course, the admission officer shall use the highest grade when calculating the grade point.

(5) If an applicant has taken a college course and if this college course appears on the official high school transcript, the admission officer shall calculate the grade for the college course, for purposes of determining the ~~grade point average~~ GPA, as follows:

(A) Each college course with three or more credit hours, but no more than five credit hours, shall be treated as a one-unit high school course.

(B) Each college course with more than five credit hours shall be treated as a two-unit high school course.

(c) At the time of admission of an applicant, the university of Kansas shall notify the applicant of the following:

(1) The category or categories in which the applicant is admitted;

(2) any enrollment restrictions associated with the applicant's category or categories of admission; and

(3) the requirements for removing any enrollment restrictions associated with the applicant's category or categories of admission. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 76-717; effective Oct. 16, 2020; amended P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**Kansas Administrative Regulations  
Economic Impact Statement  
For the Kansas Division of the Budget**

Kansas Board of Regents

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**Amendments:** K.A.R. 88-29a-7a, 88-29b-3, 88-29b-4, 88-29b-7a, 88-29c-1, 88-29c-5, 88-29c-7, 88-29c-9, 88-29d-1, 88-29d-5, 88-29d-7, 88-29d-9, and 88-29d-10.

**New:** K.A.R. 88-29c-6, 88-29c-8, 88-29c-8c, 88-29d-6, 88-29d-8, and 88-29d-8c.

**Revocations:** K.A.R. 88-29-12 through 88-29-17, 88-29a-1, 88-29a-5 through 88-29a-7, 88-29a-8, 88-29a-8c through 88-29a-11, 88-29a-18, 88-29a-19, 88-29b-1, 88-29b-5 through 88-29b-7, 88-29b-8, and 88-29b-8c through 88-29b-10.

K.A.R. Number(s)

Submit a hard copy of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and any external documents that the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) would adopt, along with the following to:

Division of the Budget  
900 SW Jackson, Room 504-N  
Topeka, KS 66612

**I. Brief description of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).**

The overall purpose for the proposed amendments, new regulations and revocations for Article 29b and Article 29d is to establish different criteria, beginning with the summer 2022 cohort, for admission to the University of Kansas of first-time freshmen who have graduated from an accredited high school.

Currently, the qualified admission regulations applicable to the University of Kansas offer two guaranteed admission options:

- 1) 21+ ACT and a minimum 3.25 cumulative high school GPA or
- 2) 24+ ACT and a minimum 3.0 cumulative high school GPA.

Both of the above options require an ACT score and both options also require that a student achieve at least a 2.5 GPA on any transferable college course work taken while in high school.

The Board of Regents is proposing to replace these two guaranteed options for the University of Kansas qualified admissions with the following two options:

- 1) 21+ ACT and a minimum 2.0 cumulative high school GPA or
- 2) minimum 3.25 cumulative high school GPA<sup>1</sup> regardless of test score.

Both of these new options would require a student to achieve at least a 2.0 GPA on any transferable college course work taken while in high school.

<sup>1</sup> Accredited high schools only

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These changes would allow for a test-optional guaranteed admission alternative at the University of Kansas as there is now at the other state universities.

Also, for freshmen admission to the University of Kansas currently, there is an application deadline for guaranteed admission, which is February 1. Applications received after February 1 are referred to the review committee, regardless of whether they meet the ACT and GPA requirements. The Board is proposing a removal of the February 1 deadline for all categories of students thus giving more prospective students the opportunity for guaranteed admission.

The new University of Kansas criteria would be established by amendments to existing regulations that will take effect with the review of applications for the 2022 summer session. In this way, students, high schools and the University of Kansas will have lead-time to become acquainted with the new criteria during the year prior to implementation.

Each of the new regulations in Article 29c and Article 29d will replace existing regulations in Article 29a and Article 29b that are being revoked. The goal is to have the majority of the qualified admissions regulations in just the two newest Articles, 29d for the University of Kansas and 29c for the other five state universities, to make navigating the regulations simpler for students, families, high school administrators and other stakeholders. At this time, we are proposing revocation of twenty-five (25) of the current Article 29, Article 29a and Article 29b regulations.

The remainder of the proposed amendments are to update internal references.

See attached Addendum for a regulation by regulation description.

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**II. Statement by the agency if the rule(s) and regulation(s) is mandated by the federal government and a statement if approach chosen to address the policy issue is different from that utilized by agencies of contiguous states or the federal government. (If the approach is different, then include a statement of why the Kansas rule and regulation proposed is different)**

These regulations and the proposed amendments and revocations are not mandated by federal law. Not all states have qualified admissions requirements for admission to state universities. The required qualifications of those that do vary depending on the policies sought to be achieved and the number of expected applicants. States that are "oversubscribed," meaning there are more students than seats, often have more rigorous admissions qualifications whereas states that are "undersubscribed" often have less rigorous requirements. Kansas is an undersubscribed state. In establishing the qualifications set forth in these regulations, the Kansas Board of Regents is balancing access against predicted ability to succeed at the state universities. The qualifications differ among the state universities, and between Kansas and other states' public universities, for this reason.

**III. Agency analysis specifically addressing following:**

**A. The extent to which the rule(s) and regulation(s) will enhance or restrict business activities and growth;**

There is no expectation that these rules and regulations will either enhance or restrict business activities and growth in any significant way. However, among the Board of Regents' strategic goals is to attract, retain and graduate qualified students to meet the needs of business and industry in this State or that may be looking to locate in this State.

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**B. The economic effect, including a detailed quantification of implementation and compliance costs, on the specific businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, and local governments that would be affected by the proposed rule and regulation and on the state economy as a whole;**

There is no anticipated economic impact on Kansas high schools from these amendments. The University of Kansas may see an increase in enrollment as more students become eligible for admission and may therefore choose to apply to that institution. If this occurs, and to the extent these students would have chosen to attend other institutions in the state if not eligible for admission to the University of Kansas, those other institutions (some public and some private) may see a decline in enrollment and the students/parents may see a difference in the net cost of attendance they would incur (higher or lower depending on each student's other options as well as potential financial aid awards). However, there are too many factors that go into students' decisions whether and where to attend a postsecondary educational institution to estimate the impact of these regulations on any individual student or institution. Any implementation and compliance costs on businesses, business sectors, public utility ratepayers, other individuals and local government units are expected to be negligible; the regulations will be implemented by the state universities but the substantive changes in this set of proposed regulations will directly impact only the University of Kansas, and should ease the administrative burden associated with the application deadlines being eliminated. To the extent students admitted under the amended criteria are less-prepared, there may need to be more support services in place to help them persist and graduate, but this is not a requirement or direct result of the regulations and is speculative at best.

There will be no economic impact on other public agencies or private businesses as a result of these regulations and the regulations will neither enhance nor restrict business activities and growth other than as discussed previously in this section.

**C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule and regulation;**

Only prospective students (and the students' families) and the state universities will be potentially affected by these proposed rules and regulations.

**D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;**

There are no direct costs associated with these rules and regulations. One of the anticipated benefits to the state would be an increase in an educated workforce.

**E. Measures taken by the agency to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) on business and economic development within the State of Kansas, local government, and individuals;**

The Board and the University of Kansas carefully considered and weighed the projected impact of several alternatives (GPA requirement, curriculum requirement, etc.) on students, families, institutions, and businesses. One of the anticipated benefits to the State would be an increase in educated workforce as it is possible more Kansas high school students will apply to and attend the University of Kansas rather than going out of state and for higher education and potentially not returning to Kansas. Because the proposed changes to these regulations simply align KU's guaranteed admission requirements more closely with those of the other state universities, allowing for a test-flexible option, we do not anticipate these changes will negatively impact the other state universities.

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- F. An estimate, expressed as a total dollar figure, of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to business, local governments, or members of the public.**

No annual implementation or compliance costs are reasonably expected to be incurred or passed along to others as a result of enacting these changes. Whatever standards are in place for admission, the universities and Board Office will administer and comply with them.

**Do the above total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period?**

YES ☐ NO ☒

**Give a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the above cost estimate.**

The Board Office simply relates the information above and has no data upon which to rely beyond our knowledge of how current standards are administered.

**Prior to the submission or resubmission of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), did the agency hold a public hearing if the total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period to find that the estimated costs have been accurately determined and are necessary for achieving legislative intent? If applicable, document when the public hearing was held, those in attendance, and any pertinent information from the hearing.**

YES ☐ NO ☒

- G. If the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) increases or decreases revenues of cities, counties or school districts, or imposes functions or responsibilities on cities, counties or school districts that will increase expenditures or fiscal liability, describe how the state agency consulted with the League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Association of Counties, and/or the Kansas Association of School Boards.**

While the regulations are not anticipated to increase or decrease revenues of cities, counties or school districts, nor will they increase expenditures or fiscal liability, the Board nevertheless sent copies of the proposed regulations and the draft economic impact statement to the Kansas Association of School Boards, giving them 14 business days to provide any desired response.

- H. Describe how the agency consulted and solicited information from businesses, associations, local governments, state agencies, or institutions and members of the public that may be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).**

The substantive changes in this set of regulations directly impact only the University of Kansas. The Board has worked with the University to determine what those changes should be and the University was given an opportunity to review and comment on the final proposals. KBOR staff also sent copies of the proposed regulations and a summary of each to KSDE, KASB and the six state universities for feedback as to the fiscal impact they might have; the feedback we received has been incorporated into the regulations and/or this statement. As noted previously, these regulations are anticipated to have no effect on businesses, cities, counties, or other state agencies.

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- I. For environmental rule(s) and regulation(s) describe the costs that would likely accrue if the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are not adopted, as well as the persons would bear the costs and would be affected by the failure to adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s).

Not applicable.

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