SENATE BILL No. 174

By Committee on Ways and Means

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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"

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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-%%\$20 and amendments thereto0 with a go erning loard estallished +ursuant to !"#"A" \$2-%%\$)a0 and amendments thereto0 is herely affiliated with Wichita state uni ersity and the institutional infrastructure of the college is herely officially designated as the Wichita state uni ersity cam+us of a++lied sciences and technology" 2,ce+t as otherwise +ro ided in this section0 the Wichita state uni ersity cam+us of a++lied sciences and technology shall le go erned ly and o+erated as a technical college cam+us within Wichita state uni ersity"

.1/ - The go erning loard of the Wichita area technical college0 estallished +ursuant to !"#"A" \$2-\%\\$)a0 and amendments thereto0 shall lecome the industry ad isory loard to the +resident of Wichita state uni ersity for the Wichita state uni ersity cam+us of a++lied sciences and technology0 and all the +owers and duties estallished in the go erning loard of aa \subseteq \text{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 +rograms that focus on critical areas of regional com+etiti eness including credential and degree +rograms ranging from a general educational de elo+ment .425/credential to associate of a++lied

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- .d/ .(/ 2 ,ce+t as otherwise +ro ided in this su1section0 the following +ersons admitted 1y Wichita state uni ersity into the cam+us of a++lied sciences and technology shall not 1e su13ect to the admission re; uirements set forth in ! "#"A" *-\$(00 and amendments thereto6
- $.A/\ -<$ errsons admitted as degree-see8ing students in career technical 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/ <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 ersity0 or into a 1achelor:s0 masters0 doctorate or non-technical associate degree or certificate +rogram offered at Wichita state uni ersity0 shall0 at the time of such transfer0 1e su13ect to the admission re; uirements set forth in ! "#"A" \$*-\$(\$0 and amendments thereto"
 - .'/- <ersons admitted 1y Wichita state uni ersity see8ing a non-technical certificate0 non-technical associate degree or any 1achelor:s0 masters or doctorate degree shall 1e su13ect to the admission re;uirements set forth in !"#"A" \$*-\$(\$0\$ and amendments thereto"
 - .e/ The Wichita state uni ersity cam+us of a++lied sciences and technology shall continue to 1e a technical college and shall 1e eligi1le for funding that is a aila1le to technical colleges to the e,tent +ro ided 1y law" The amounts of such funding are to 1e determined in the same manner as +ro ided 1y law for technical colleges"
 - .f/ Whene er the Wichita area technical college@ Wichita area ocational school or the Wichita area ocational-technical school@ or 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,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 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 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 section"
 - .h/ #u13ect to authorization 1y the state 1oard of regents0 all

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- .i/ No suit() action or other +roceeding() 3udicial or administrati e() lawfully commenced() or that could ha e 1een commenced() 1y or against the Wichita area technical college() or 1y or against any +ersonnel of the Wichita area technical college() shall a1ate 1y reason of the affiliation effected 1y this section" Any such suit() action or other +roceeding may 1e allowed to 1e maintained 1y or against Wichita state uni ersity" No criminal action commenced or that could ha e 1een commenced 1y the Wichita area technical college shall a1ate 1y reason of the affiliation effected 1y this section"
- .3/ The +ro isions of this section shall 1e 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 descri1ed in su1section .a/"
- #ec" 2" !"#"A" 2)(* #u++" \$2-\%\\$)a is here1y amended to read as follows6 \$2-\%\\$)a" .a/ Except as provided in subsection d!" all technical college loards colleges shall estallish and maintain a +lan for a go erning loard0 which shall le se+arate and inde+endent of any loard of education of any school district0 to o+erate0 control and manage the technical college" The +lan shall include0 lut not le limited to0 +ro isions relating to6
 - .(/ The com+osition of the inde+endent go erning 1oard;
- .2/ the territory of the technical college" =f the territory of the technical college includes more than one county0 the +lan shall designate a home county;
- .'/ the method of election or a++ointment and the terms of ser ice of the mem1ers of the inde+endent go erning 1oard;
- .%/ the date u+on which the inde+endent go erning 1oard shall assume management and control of the technical college;
- .9/ the manner terms u+on which and e, tent to which the facilities will 1e transferred to the inde+endent go erning 1oard and the di ision of other assets and inde1tedness and other lia1ilities; and
- .*/ the manner and terms u+on which faculty/l em+loyees and students will 1e transferred to the inde+endent go erning 10ard" #u13ect to the +ro isions of !"#"A" 2) (* #u++" \$2-\%\$80 and amendments thereto/l such +ro isions shall s+ecify terms of em+loyment and address other +ersonnel matters"
- .1/ >n the date determined in the a++ro ed +lan0 the inde+endent go erning 1oard esta1lished under su1section .a/-of this section shall o+erate su13ect to the rules0 regulations and su+er ision of the state 1oard of regents in the same manner as other technical colleges" Any

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- .c/ =n addition to such other +owers e,+ressly granted 1y law and sul3ect to the +ro isions of sulsection .1/0 the go erning loard shall ha e the +ower to6
- .(/ 5 etermine the career technical and general education courses of instruction that will com+rise the associate of a++lied science degree +rograms of the college;
- .2/ esta1lish the re; uirements for satisfactory com+letion of the associate of a++lied science degree +rograms of the college;
- .'/ confer the associate of a++lied science degree u+on students who successfully com+lete an associate of a++lied science degree +rogram of the college and to award a certificate or di+loma to students who successfully com+lete a career technical education +rogram of the college;
- .%/ a++oint teaching staff and fi, and determine teacher ;ualifications0 duties and com+ensation" No teacher a++ointed to teach courses com+rising the associate of a++lied science degree +rograms of the college shall 1e re;uired to meet licensure re;uirements greater than those re;uired in the state educational institutions;
- .9/ ha e custody of 0 and 1e res+onsille for 0 the +ro+erty of the college and 1e res+onsille for the o+eration 0 management and control of the college;
- .*/ select a chair+erson and such other officers as it deems desiralled from its mem1ershi+:
 - .\$/ sue and 1e sued;
- .8/ a++oint and fi, the com+ensation and term of office of a +resident or chief administrati e officer of the college;
- .&/ fi, and determine0 within state ado+ted standards0 all other em+loyees: ;ualifications0 duties0 com+ensation and all other items and conditions of em+loyment;
 - .()/ enter into contracts;
 - .((/ acce+t any gifts) grants or donations;
 - .(2/ ac; uire and dis+ose of real or +ersonal +ro+erty;
- .('/- enter into lease agreements as lessor of any +ro+erty owned or controlled 1y the college;
- .(%/ ado+t any rules and regulations) not inconsistent with any law or any rules and regulations of the state 1oard of regents) which are necessary for the administration and o+eration of the college or for the conduct of 1usiness of the go erning 1oard;
- .(9/ contract with one or more agencies0 either +u1lic or +ri ate0 whether located within or outside the territory of the college or whether located within or outside the state of ! ansas0 for the conduct 1y any such agency of academic or career technical education for students of the

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college and to +ro ide for the +ayment to any such agency for the contracted educational ser ices from any funds or moneys of the college including funds or moneys recei ed from student tuition and fees;

- .(*/-a++oint as its resident agent for the +ur+ose of ser ice of +rocess0 either the +resident of the technical college or the chair+erson of the go erning 1oard0 or 1oth;
- .(\$/ ta8e any other action0 not inconsistent with any law or any rules and regulations of the state 1oard of regents0 which is necessary or

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reference or designation shall 1e deemed to a++ly to the Wichita area