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. 88-29-1, 88-29-11, 88-29-18, and 88-29-19; the amendment of K.A.R. 88-29-3, 88-29-12 through 88-29-17, 88-29a-1, 88-29a-5, 88-29a-6, 88-29a-7, 88-29a-7a, 88-29a-9, 88-29a-10, 88-29a-11, 88-29a-18, 88-29a-19, 88-29b-1, 88-29b-3, 88-29b-5, 88-29b-6, 88-29b-7, 88-29b-7a, 88-29b-9, 88-29b-10; and proposed new regulations K.A.R. 88-29c-1, 88-29c-5, 88-29c-7, 88-29c-9, 88-29c-10, 88-29d-1, 88-29d-5, 88-29d-7, 88-29d-9, 88-29d-10. The hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on August 27, 2020, 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 amendments to the 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. 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 and 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 statements for the regulations follows: The overall purpose for this set of proposed amendments, new regulations and revocations is to establish different criteria, beginning with the summer 2021 cohort, for admission to the state universities of first-time freshmen who have graduated from high school. The changes to current criteria include 1) eliminating the requirement for completing a specified precollege curriculum with a specified GPA, and 2) replacing the top third rank option with an option of an overall GPA of 2.25 for admissions to Emporia State, Fort Hays State, Pittsburg State and Wichita State Universities, or 3.25 for admissions to Kansas State University. K.A.R. 88-29-1, 88-29-11, 88-29-18, and 88-29-19 are being revoked because they have timed out in accordance with their own terms and other regulations are being amended so their termination dates coincide with the effective dates for the new regulations that will replace them. In establishing the qualifications set forth in these regulations, the Kansas Board of Regents is balancing access against predicted ability to succeed at each state university. The qualifications differ among the state universities, and between Kansas and other states’ public universities, for this reason. There is no anticipated economic impact on private business or public entities, including Kansas high schools, from these regulations. State universities may see an increase in enrollment as more students become eligible for admission and may therefore choose to apply to those institutions. However, there are too many factors that go into students’
decision 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.