

HOUSE BILL No. 2703

AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to at-risk programs and services; including placement in the custody of the secretary for children and families as a criteria for eligibility for such programs and services; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-5153a and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-5153a is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-5153a. (a) To assist students identified as eligible to receive at-risk educational programs and services in meeting state board of education outcome goals, the state board of education shall require school districts to implement at-risk educational programs and services that provide additional educational opportunities, interventions and evidence-based instruction using the at-risk best practices identified pursuant to K.S.A. 72-5153, and amendments thereto.

(b) A student shall be identified as eligible to receive at-risk programs and services if the student meets one or more of the following criteria:

- (1) Is not working on academic grade level;
- (2) is not meeting the requirements necessary for promotion to the next grade or is failing subjects or courses of study;
- (3) is not meeting the requirements necessary for graduation from high school or has the potential to drop out of school;
- (4) has insufficient mastery of skills or is not meeting state standards;
- (5) has been retained;
- (6) has a high rate of absenteeism;
- (7) has repeated suspensions or expulsions from school;
- (8) is homeless or migrant;
- (9) is identified as an English language learner;
- (10) has social-emotional needs that cause the student to be unsuccessful in school; ~~or~~
- (11) is identified as a student with dyslexia or characteristics of dyslexia; *or*

(12) *is in the custody of the secretary for children and families.*

(c) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas school equity and enhancement act.

~~(d) This section shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.~~

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-5153a is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*

Passed the SENATE \_\_\_\_\_  
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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Governor.*