

## HOUSE BILL No. 2135

By Committee on Education

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9 AN ACT establishing the Kansas school board development program.

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

12 Section 1. There is established the Kansas school board development  
13 program. As used in this act, "school board" means the board of education  
14 of a unified school district.

15 Sec. 2. The state board of education shall adopt rules and regulations  
16 for administration of the Kansas school board development program and  
17 shall prescribe and adopt standards and procedures for accreditation of  
18 sponsors of courses, programs or other school board development activ-  
19 ities for school board members. The state board of education may estab-  
20 lish reasonable fees to offset the cost of administering the program.

21 Sec. 3. (a) Each member of a school board shall earn a minimum of  
22 ten credit hours of board development in each year.

23 (b) Credit hours shall be reported to the state board of education in  
24 such form and manner prescribed by the state board.

25 (c) The state board may grant waivers or extensions of time to com-  
26 plete development program requirements because of hardship, disability  
27 or other good cause.

28 Sec. 4. (a) An organization or person desiring accreditation as a spon-  
29 sor of courses, programs or other school board development activities for  
30 board members of this state, may apply for accreditation to the state  
31 board. The state board shall accredit a sponsor if the state board is sat-  
32 isfied that the sponsor's program will meet the standards prescribed un-  
33 der section 2, and amendments thereto, and the sponsor pays the fee, if  
34 any, required by the state board.

35 (b) The state board may reevaluate, at any time, an accredited spon-  
36 sor. If after such reevaluation, the state board finds there is cause for  
37 revocation of the accreditation of a sponsor, the state board, after a hear-  
38 ing held upon 30 days' written notice, may revoke the accreditation of  
39 the sponsor. If the state board determines that a course fails to meet the  
40 standards for accreditation, it may deny or withdraw approval for the  
41 course even though offered by an accredited sponsor.

42 Sec. 5. A school board member seeking credit for attendance at or  
43 participation in an educational activity which was conducted by a non-

1 accredited sponsor or which otherwise was nonaccredited may submit to  
2 the state board a request for credit. Such request shall include a descrip-  
3 tion of the activity, dates, subjects, instructors and their qualifications, the  
4 number of credit hours requested and any fee or other information re-  
5 quired by the state board. Within 90 days after receipt of such request,  
6 the state board shall advise the school board member in writing whether  
7 development credit has been granted and if granted the amount of credit  
8 allowed.

9 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
10 publication in the statute book.