

HOUSE BILL No. 2404

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11 AN ACT establishing the school district finance oversight committee.

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

14 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the school district finance
15 oversight committee.

16 (b) The following members of the committee shall serve ex officio or
17 shall designate a person to represent them on the committee: The chair-
18 person and ranking minority member of the committee on education of
19 the house of representatives, the chairperson and ranking minority mem-
20 ber of the committee on education of the senate, the chairperson and
21 ranking minority member of the committee on taxation of the house of
22 representatives, the chairperson and ranking minority member of the
23 committee on assessment and taxation of the senate, the chairperson and
24 ranking minority member of the committee on appropriations of the
25 house of representatives, the chairperson and ranking minority member
26 of the committee on ways and means of the senate. The remainder of the
27 members of the committee shall be representative of the general public
28 and shall be appointed as follows: Two members shall be appointed by
29 the governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor, and two
30 members shall be appointed by the state board of education and shall
31 serve at the pleasure of the state board.

32 (c) The committee shall organize annually and elect a chairperson
33 and vice-chairperson from among the members of the committee. The
34 vice-chairperson shall exercise all of the powers of the chairperson in the
35 absence of the chairperson. If a vacancy occurs in the office of chairperson
36 or vice-chairperson, another member of the committee shall be elected
37 by the members of the committee to fill such vacancy. Within 30 days
38 after the effective date of this act, the committee shall organize and elect
39 a chairperson and a vice-chairperson in accordance with the provisions of
40 this subsection.

41 (d) A quorum of the committee shall be nine. All actions of the com-
42 mittee shall be taken by a majority of all of the members of the committee.

43 (e) The committee may meet at any time on the call of the

1 chairperson.

2 (f) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the
3 legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services
4 as may be requested by the committee.

5 (g) Members of the committee attending meetings of the committee
6 or subcommittee meetings authorized by the committee shall receive
7 compensation, subsistence allowances and mileage provided for in K.S.A.
8 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

9 (h) The staff of the legislative research department, the office of the
10 revisor of statutes and the division of legislative administrative services
11 shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the committee and
12 authorized by the legislative coordinating council.

13 Sec. 2. The school district finance oversight committee shall:

14 (a) Monitor implementation and operation of the school district fi-
15 nance and quality performance act and the quality performance accred-
16 itation system;

17 (b) evaluate the components of the act and determine whether there
18 is a fair and equitable relationship between the costs of weighted com-
19 ponents and the weightings assigned to such components;

20 (c) determine whether additional school district operations should be
21 weighted;

22 (d) evaluate the effect of the act and the system on local control;

23 (e) determine whether operation of the act fosters or impedes suc-
24 cessful accomplishment of the mission for Kansas education;

25 (f) evaluate the reform and restructuring components of the act and
26 assess the impact of such components on the educational systems of
27 school districts and on the educational system of the state as a whole;

28 (g) review and evaluate systems of financial support, reform and re-
29 structuring of public education in other states in an effort to ensure that
30 the Kansas system is the most efficient and effective;

31 (h) review the amount of base state aid per pupil and, in conjunction
32 therewith, determine whether the amount of state financial aid provided
33 for school districts is sufficient to provide quality educational opportuni-
34 ties for Kansas children;

35 (i) if the committee determines that the amount of state financial aid
36 should be increased by increasing the amount of base state aid per pupil,
37 by adjusting any weighted component of the act, or by weighting any
38 additional school district operation, examine ways to provide for a cor-
39 responding decrease in the amount authorized to be budgeted in local
40 option budgets;

41 (j) explore alternative funding sources;

42 (k) evaluate the state's policy regarding qualification of educational
43 programs for categorical state aid and whether entitlement formulas

1 therefor are equitable; and

2 (l) make an annual report, together with any recommendations for
3 legislation relating to school finance or restructuring deemed necessary,
4 to the legislature, the governor and the state board of education.

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