

SENATE BILL No. 329

By Legislative Educational Planning Committee

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10 AN ACT concerning education; relating to curriculum standards; amend-
11 ing K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 72-6439 and repealing the existing section.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 72-6439 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows: 72-6439. (a) In order to accomplish the mission for Kansas ed-
16 ucation, the state board of education shall design and adopt a school
17 performance accreditation system based upon improvement in perform-
18 ance that reflects high academic standards and is measurable.

19 (b) ~~The state board of education shall provide for assessments in the~~
20 ~~core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing, and social~~
21 ~~studies, and shall establish curriculum standards for such core academic~~
22 ~~areas. The assessments shall be administered at three grade levels, as~~
23 ~~determined by the state board.~~ **The state board shall establish curric-**
24 **ulum standards which reflect high academic standards for the core**
25 **academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and social**
26 **studies.** The curriculum standards shall be equal to the best standards
27 and shall be reviewed at least every ~~three~~ *seven* years. The state board
28 shall ensure compatibility between the statewide assessments and the
29 curriculum standards. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed in
30 any manner so as to impinge upon any district's authority to determine
31 its own curriculum.

32 (c) **The state board shall provide for statewide assessments in**
33 **the core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing**
34 **and social studies. The board shall ensure compatibility between**
35 **the statewide assessments and the curriculum standards established**
36 **pursuant to subsection (b). Such assessments shall be administered**
37 **at three grade levels, as determined by the board.** The state board of
38 education shall determine performance levels on the statewide assess-
39 ments, the achievement of which represents ~~excellence~~ **high academic**
40 **standards** in the academic area at the grade level to which the assessment
41 applies. The state board should specify ~~the measure of excellence~~ **high**
42 **academic standards** both for individual performance and school per-
43 formance on the assessments.

1 (d) Each school in every district shall establish a school site council
2 composed of the principal and representatives of teachers and other
3 school personnel, parents of pupils attending the school, the business
4 community, and other community groups. School site councils shall be
5 responsible for providing advice and counsel in evaluating state, school
6 district, and school site performance goals and objectives and in deter-
7 mining the methods that should be employed at the school site to meet
8 these goals and objectives. Site councils may make recommendations and
9 proposals to the school board regarding budgetary items and school dis-
10 trict matters, including but not limited to, identifying and implementing
11 the best practices for developing efficient and effective administrative and
12 management functions. Site councils also may help school boards analyze
13 the unique environment of schools, enhance the efficiency and maximize
14 limited resources, including outsourcing arrangements and cooperative
15 opportunities as a means to address limited budgets.

16 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 72-6439 is hereby repealed.

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