

HOUSE BILL No. 2181

By Legislative Committee on Post Audit

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9 AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to school finance; relating
10 to the at-risk weighting; amending K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 72-6414 and 72-
11 64c01 and repealing the existing sections.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 72-6414 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows: 72-6414. (a) The at-risk pupil weighting of each district shall be
16 determined by the state board by multiplying the number of at-risk pupils
17 included in enrollment of the district by .278 for school year 2006-2007,
18 by .378 for school year 2007-2008 and by .456 for school year 2008-2009
19 and each school year thereafter. The product is the at-risk pupil weighting
20 of the district.

21 (b) Except as provided in subsection (d), of the amount a district
22 receives from the at-risk pupil weighting, an amount produced by a pupil
23 weighting of .01 shall be used by the district for achieving mastery of
24 basic reading skills by completion of the third grade in accordance with
25 standards and outcomes of mastery identified by the state board under
26 K.S.A. 72-7534, and amendments thereto.

27 (c) A district shall include such information in its at-risk pupil assis-
28 tance plan as the state board may require regarding the district's reme-
29 diation strategies and the results thereof in achieving the third grade
30 reading standards and outcomes of mastery identified by the state board.
31 The reporting requirements shall include information documenting re-
32 mediation strategies and improvement made by pupils who performed
33 below the expected standard on the second grade diagnostic reading test
34 prescribed by the state board.

35 (d) A district whose pupils substantially achieve the state board stan-
36 dards and outcomes of mastery of reading skills upon completion of third
37 grade may be released, upon request, by the state board from the require-
38 ments of subsection (b).

39 (e) (1) A district may expend amounts received from the at-risk pupil
40 weighting to pay for the cost of providing full-day kindergarten to any
41 pupil enrolled in the district and attending full-day kindergarten whether
42 or not such pupil is an at-risk pupil.

43 (2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring school

1 districts to provide full-day kindergarten nor as requiring any pupil to
2 attend full-day kindergarten.

3 (3) As used in this subsection (e):

4 (A) "District" means any school district which offers both full-day and
5 half-day kindergarten.

6 (B) "Cost" means that portion of the cost of providing full-day kin-
7 dergarten which is not paid by the state.

8 (f) A school district may expend amounts received from the at-risk
9 weighting to pay the cost of providing preschool-aged at-risk, bilingual
10 and vocational education programs and services.

11 (g) *A school district shall not expend moneys from the at-risk weight-*
12 *ing for salaries or benefits for teachers employed by the school district*
13 *except for teachers in positions that: (1) Teach in at-risk, bilingual or*
14 *vocational education programs or all-day kindergarten classes; or (2) were*
15 *added by the district on or after July 1, 2005, in an effort to reduce*
16 *classroom sizes.*

17 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 72-64c01 is hereby amended to read as
18 follows: 72-64c01. (a) It is the public policy goal of the state of Kansas
19 that at least 65% of the moneys appropriated, distributed or otherwise
20 provided by the state to school districts shall be expended in the classroom
21 or for instruction.

22 (b) All moneys attributable to the increase in the amount of base state
23 aid per pupil under the provisions of this act shall be expended in the
24 classroom or for instruction.

25 ~~(c) The amount of moneys expended per pupil in the classroom or~~
26 ~~for instruction in school year 2005-2006, shall not be less than the amount~~
27 ~~of moneys expended per pupil for such purposes in school year 2004-~~
28 ~~2005, plus \$35 per pupil. The provisions of this section shall be subject to~~
29 ~~the limitations in subsection (g) of K.S.A. 72-6414, and amendments~~
30 ~~thereto.~~

31 (d) As used in this section, "instruction" means the activities dealing
32 directly with the interaction between teachers and students and may be
33 provided in a school classroom, in another location such as a home or
34 hospital, and in other learning situations such as those involving cocur-
35 ricular activities. Instruction also may be provided through the internet,
36 television, radio, computer, multimedia telephone, correspondence that
37 is delivered inside or outside the classroom and other teacher-student
38 settings or through other approved media. Instruction also includes the
39 activities of aides or classroom assistants of any type including, but not
40 limited to, clerks, graders and teaching machines which assist in the in-
41 structional process.

42 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 72-6414 and 72-64c01 are hereby
43 repealed.

1 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
2 publication in the statute book.