

HOUSE Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 162

By Committee on Education

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9 AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to disability history and
10 awareness.

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

13 Section 1. (a) The state board of education shall designate a period
14 of time each school year as a time for disability history and awareness.

15 (b) The state board of education shall develop objectives and guide-
16 lines for disability history and awareness, for all grade levels, within the
17 existing curriculum for history, social studies or other appropriate subject-
18 matter curriculum. The components of disability history and awareness
19 may include, but not be limited to, the events and time lines relating to
20 the development and evolution of services provided to individuals with
21 disabilities and information relating to the contributions of specific indi-
22 viduals with disabilities, including the contributions of acknowledged na-
23 tional leaders.

24 (c) The goals of disability history and awareness instruction include:

25 (1) Encouraging the better treatment of individuals with disabilities,
26 especially for school-age children.

27 (2) Increasing attention to the prevention of bullying or harassment
28 of students with disabilities.

29 (3) Encouraging the development of self-esteem in individuals with
30 disabilities.

31 (4) Encouraging individuals with disabilities to obtain a postsecond-
32 ary education which will empower such individuals to enter the work-
33 force and contribute to their communities.

34 (5) Reaffirming the local, state and federal commitment to providing
35 an equal opportunity for, and the full inclusion in society of, all individuals
36 with disabilities.

37 (d) Each school district shall include disability history and awareness
38 within the district's curriculum as deemed appropriate by the district.

39 Sec. 2. Each postsecondary educational institution is encouraged to
40 conduct and promote on its campus activities which provide education,
41 understanding and awareness of individuals with disabilities, disability his-
42 tory and awareness.

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