

SESSION OF 1998

**EXPLANATORY NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2249**

Conference Committee Report

April 9, 1998

**Brief\***

The bill contains various school finance changes. Formerly, the bill, as passed by the House and Senate, was known as the "Kansas Education and Tax Reform Act of 1998." The tax provisions were removed. The tax package passed by the Legislature was S.B. 493.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE FORMULA CHANGES**

The school finance formula amendments take effect beginning with the 1998-99 school year. A summary of the main provisions follows:

***Base State Aid Per Pupil (BSAPP) Increased***

BSAPP is increased by \$50—from \$3,670 to \$3,720.

***Correlation Weight Applied to Lower Enrollment Districts***

Correlation weight is applied to all school districts having enrollments of 1,750 and over. (This weight currently applies to all school districts with enrollments of 1,800 and over.)

***At-Risk Pupil Weight Increased***

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.ink.org/public/legislative/fulltext-bill.html>.

The at-risk pupil weight is increased from 6.5 percent to 8.0 percent of BSAPP.

***Pilot Program—Four Year Old At-Risk Pupils***

The State Department of Education will use guidelines consistent with those governing participation in the Head Start program for administration of a competitive program which will result in selection each year of up to 1,350 four year old at-risk pupils who will be counted in a school district's enrollment for school finance purposes at 0.5 full-time equivalent.

**Background**

The following table contains a comparison of selected provisions of current law, the Governor's proposal, the Senate Education Committee's plan, the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee's plan, the Senate passed version, and the Conference Committee proposal.

**Comparison of School Finance Plan Features**

	Current Law	Governor's Original Plan	Senate Education Committee Plan	Senate A & T Committee Plan	Senate Passed Plan	H.B. 2249 Conference Committee Report (Governor's Revised Plan) (April 7)
BSAPP	\$3,670	\$3,705	\$3,715	\$3,711	\$3,711	\$3,720
Correlation Weight	1,800 & over	1,775 & over	1,760 & over	1,765 & over	1,765 & over	1,750 & over
At-Risk Pupil Weight	6.5%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%
FTE Distribution to Certain Districts	NA	NA	\$29 1,200-1,759	\$19 1,200-1,764	\$19 1,200-1,764	NA
"New" Innovative Program Assistance*	NA	NA	\$1.5 million	\$975,000	NA	NA
Four-Year Old At-Risk Pupils @ 0.5 FTE	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,350 children

\* **NOTE:** The FY 1999 appropriation to the State Department of Education for Innovative Program Assistance has been increased by \$975,000. Also, a proviso has been added directing that the State Department of Education not spend more than \$975,000 for grants to school districts to provide for structural mentoring programs, including the HOSTS program, in reading, mathematics, language arts, or Spanish language arts (S.B. 642, as passed by Senate).

(The Governor also recommended an additional \$1.5 million for the Infant and Toddler program that is administered by the Department of Health and Environment.)

Shown below is a comparison of the estimated increased cost to the State General Fund (SGF) in FY 1999 of the Governor's plan, the Senate Education Committee's plan, the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee's plan, the Senate Passed version, and the Conference Committee proposal (which embodies the Governor's April 7 revised school finance plan).

**Added SGF Cost Above Current Law  
(Amounts in Millions)**

	<u>Governor's Plan</u>	<u>Senate Education Com. Plan</u>	<u>Senate A &amp; T Com. Plan</u>	<u>Senate Passed Plan</u>	<u>H.B. 2249 Conf. Com. Plan</u>
BSAPP	\$19.9	\$25.4	\$23.3	\$23.3	\$28.4
Correlation Weight	10.0	16.0	14.0	14.0	20.0
At-Risk Pupil Weight	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
FTE Distribution	NA	1.0	0.65	0.65	NA
"New" Innovative Prog. Assistance*	NA	1.5	0.975	NA	NA
Four Year Old At-Risk Pupils	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$35.9</u>	<u>\$49.9</u>	<u>\$44.9</u>	<u>\$44.0</u>	<u>\$57.4</u>

\* See note following comparison of School Finance Plan Features (above).

**EXHIBIT**

**ADDED SGF COST ABOVE GOVERNOR'S ORIGINAL PLAN  
(Amounts in Millions)**

	<u>Senate Education Comm. Plan</u>	<u>Senate A &amp; T Comm. Plan</u>	<u>Senate Passed Plan</u>	<u>H.B. 2249 Conf. Com. Plan</u>
BSAPP	\$5.5	\$3.4	\$3.4	\$8.5
Correlation Weight	6.0	4.0	4.0	10.0
At-Risk Pupil Weight	Same	Same	Same	Same
FTE Distribution	1.0	0.65	0.65	NA
"New" Innovative Program Assistance*	1.5	0.975	NA	NA
Four-Year Old At-Risk Pupils	NA	NA	NA	3.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$14.0</u>	<u>\$9.0</u>	<u>\$8.1</u>	<u>\$21.5</u>

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