Session of 2024

## **HOUSE BILL No. 2738**

By Committee on K-12 Education Budget Requested by Representative Goetz

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AN ACT concerning education; relating to special education state aid; revising the special education state aid statewide excess costs calculation to count additional funding; requiring the state board to determine excess costs for school districts; requiring the state board to establish a special education state aid equalization distribution schedule and to distribute certain amounts of special education services aid pursuant to such distribution schedule; requiring each school district to transfer the amount attributable to the special education weighting from the supplemental general fund to the special education fund; amending K.S.A. 72-3422 and 72-5143 and repealing the existing sections.

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

New Section 1. (a) Each year, prior to making any special education state aid distributions to school districts pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3422, and amendments thereto, the state board of education shall determine each school district's excess cost as follows:

(1) Determine the school district's weighted full-time equivalent student enrollment excluding the special education weighted full-time equivalent as provided on the legal maximum general fund calculation data computed by the state department of education,

- (2) multiply the amount determined in paragraph (1) by the base aid for student excellence established pursuant to K.S.A. 72-5132, and amendments thereto;
- (3) divide the amount obtained in paragraph (2) by the total number of unweighted full-time equivalent students enrolled in the school district on September 20;
- (4) determine the total full-time equivalent enrollment of exceptional children receiving special education and related services provided by all school districts:
- (5) multiply the amount of the quotient obtained in paragraph (3) by the full-time equivalent enrollment determined in paragraph (4);
- (6) multiply the amount of the product obtained in paragraph (5) by the school district's local option budget authorized percent;
- (7) determine the amount of federal funds received by the school district for the provision of special education and related services;

Proposed Amendments to House Bill No. 2738
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Amendments to excess cost calculation

excluding the special education and related services weighting, bilingual weighting, transportation weighting, career technical education weighting and at-risk student weighting

add the amount determined in paragraph (5) to the amount determined in paragraph (6);

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(9) (8) determine the amount of revenue received by the school district for medicaid reimbursements and rendered under contracts with the state (9) institutions for the provision of special education and related services by the state institution: (10)(9) add the amounts determined under paragraphs (5) through (8) (10)(10) determine the total amount of expenditures of the school district (11)for the provision of special education and related services; (11)(11) subtract the amount of the sum obtained under paragraph (9) and from the amount determined under paragraph (10),  $(13)|_{10}$ (12) divide the amount determined under paragraph (11) by the sum (12)of one plus the statewide average local option budget authorized percent; 11 12 school district's (13) subtract the amount attributable to the special education 13

- (13) subtract the amount attributable to the special education weighting that is provided to the school district as supplemental state aid pursuant to K.S.A. 72-5145, and amendments thereto, from the quotient determined pursuant to paragraph (12). The amount determined under this paragraph shall be the school district's excess cost.
- (b) To determine excess costs pursuant to subsection (a) for any school district that has paid for the provision of special education and related services under an interlocal agreement or as a member of a cooperative, the state board of education shall assign the costs for the provision of special education and related services to each participating school district in an amount that bears the same relation as the amount paid by the school district in the current school year for the provision of special education and related services bears to the aggregate of all amounts paid by all school districts that are subject to such interlocal agreement or that are participating in such cooperative membership agreement.
  - (c) Each year, the state department of education shall:
- (1) Report to each school district the school district's excess cost determined pursuant to subsection (a);
- (2) publish the excess cost determinations made for each school district pursuant to subsection (a) on the state department of education's website; and
- (3) on or before January 31 of each year, prepare and submit a report to the house standing committee on K-12 education budget and the senate standing committee on education, or any successor committees, that provides a computation of school district excess costs as calculated pursuant to subsection (a) and the special education services aid equalization distribution schedule established by the state board of education for distributions of special education state aid pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3422(e), and amendments thereto.
- 41 72-3422(e), and amendments thereto. 42 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-3422 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-43 3422. (a) Each year, the state board of education shall determine the

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amount of state aid for the provision of special education and related services each school district shall receive for the ensuing school year. The amount of such state aid shall be computed by the state board as provided in this section and shall include all forms of state aid that are related to the provision of special education, including, but not limited to:

- (1) The base aid for student excellence and weightings that are determined for all students under the Kansas school equity and enhancement act and the local option budget moneys that are generated by such state aid for general education of special education students;
- (2) state aid and grants for special education and the local option budget moneys that are generated by such funding.
- (b) (1) The state board shall determine the total amount of special education state aid to be provided to school districts as follows:
- (1)(A) Determine the total-amount of general fund and local option budgets of all school districts weighted full-time equivalent student enrollment excluding the special education weighted full-time equivalent as provided on the legal maximum general fund calculation data computed by the state department of educations
- (2)(B) subtract from the amount determined in subsection (a)(1) the total amount attributable to assignment of transportation weighting, bilingual weighting, eareer technical education weighting, special education weighting and at-risk student weighting to the enrollment of all school districts multiply the amount determined in paragraph (1)(A) by the base aid for student excellence established pursuant to K.S.A. 72-5132, and amendments thereto:
- (3)(C) divide the remainder amount obtained in subsection (a)(2) paragraph (1)(B) by the total number of unweighted full-time equivalent pupils students enrolled in all school districts on September 20;
- $\frac{(4)}{(D)}$  determine the total full-time equivalent enrollment of exceptional children receiving special education and related services provided by all school districts;
- (5)(E) multiply the amount of the quotient obtained in-subsection (a) (3) paragraph (1)(C) by the full-time equivalent enrollment determined in subsection (a)(4) paragraph (1)(D);
- (6) (F) multiply the amount of the product obtained in paragraph (1) (E) by the statewide average local option budget authorized percent;
- (G) determine the amount of federal funds received by all school districts for the provision of special education and related services;
- (T)(H) determine the amount of revenue received by all school districts for medicaid reimbursements and rendered under contracts with the state institutions for the provisions of special education and related services by the state institution;
  - (8)(1) add the amounts determined under-subsections (a)(6) and (a)(7)

and the total amount of local option budget moneys generated by such state aid for the provision of special education and related services

excluding the special education and related services weighting, bilingual weighting, transportation weighting, career technical education weighting and at-risk student weighting

add the amount determined in paragraph (1)(E) to the amount determined in paragraph (1)(F); (H)

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to the auxount of the product obtained under subsection (a)(5) paragraphs (1)(E) through (1)(H).

(9)(1) determine the total amount of expenditures of all school districts for the provision of special education and related services;

(10)(K) subtract the amount of the sum obtained under subsection (a) (8) paragraph (1)(1) from the amount determined under-subsection (a)(9) paragraph (1)(J), and

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(11)(L) divide the amount determined under paragraph (1)(K), by the sum of one plus the statewide average local option budget authorized percent;

(M) subtract the amount attributable to the special education

weighting that is provided to school districts as supplemental state aid pursuant to K.S.A. 72-5145, and amendments thereto, from the auotient determined pursuant to paragraph (1)(L); and

(N) multiply the remainder obtained under-subsection (a)(10) paragraph (1)(M) by 92%.

(2) Subject to appropriation acts of the legislature, the computed amount is the total amount of state aid for the provision of special education and related services aid a school district is districts are entitled to receive for the ensuing school year.

(b)(c) Except as provided in subsection (e), each school district shall receive:

- (1) Reimbursement for actual travel allowances paid to special teachers at not to exceed the rate specified under K.S.A. 75-3203, and amendments thereto, for each mile actually traveled during the school year in connection with duties in providing special education or related services for exceptional children. Such reimbursement shall be computed by the state board by ascertaining the actual travel allowances paid to special teachers by the school district for the school year and shall be in an amount equal to 80% of such actual travel allowances:
- (2) reimbursement in an amount equal to 80% of the actual travel expenses incurred for providing transportation for exceptional children to special education or related services;
- (3) reimbursement in an amount equal to 80% of the actual expenses incurred for the maintenance of an exceptional child at some place other than the residence of such child for the purpose of providing special education or related services. Such reimbursement shall not exceed \$600 per exceptional child per school year; and

(4) (A) except for those school districts that receive reimbursement under subsection—(e) (c)(4)(D) or (d)(c)(4)(E), after subtracting the amounts of reimbursement under subsections  $\frac{(a)(1)(c)(1)}{(a)(2)(c)(2)}$  and  $\frac{(a)(3)}{(c)(3)}$  from the total amount appropriated for special education and related services under this act, an amount which bears the same proportion

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(M) multiply the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (1)(L) by 92%;

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such computed amount is the total amount of state aid for the provision of special education and related services school districts are entitled to receive for the ensuing school year, subject to appropriation acts of the legislature; (O) subtract the amount determined in paragraph (1)(N) from the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (1)(M), such computed amount is the total amount of local option budget moneys school districts are required to raise and use for the provision of special education and related services in the

(P) add the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (1)(N) to the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (1)(O).

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