

HOUSE BILL No. 2731

By Committee on Education

Requested by Representative Estes

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to statewide assessments;
2 requiring the state board of education to submit annual reports to the
3 legislature on certain statistics of students who take such assessments;
4 amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-5170 and repealing the existing
5 section.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-5170 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows: 72-5170. (a) (1) In order to accomplish the mission for Kansas
10 education, the state board shall design and adopt a school district
11 accreditation system based upon improvement in performance that equals
12 or exceeds the educational goal set forth in K.S.A. 72-3218(c), and
13 amendments thereto, and is measurable. The state board shall hold all
14 school districts accountable through the Kansas education systems
15 accreditation rules and regulations, or any successor accreditation system
16 and accountability plan adopted by the state board. The state board also
17 shall ensure that all school districts and the public schools operated by
18 such districts have programs and initiatives in place for providing those
19 educational capacities set forth in K.S.A. 72-3218(c), and amendments
20 thereto. On or before January 15 of each year, the state board shall prepare
21 and submit a report on the school district accreditation system to the
22 governor and the legislature.

23 (2) The accountability measures established pursuant to paragraph (1)
24 shall be applied both at the district level and at the school level. Such
25 accountability measures shall be reported by the state board for each
26 school district and each school. All reports prepared pursuant to this
27 section shall be published in accordance with K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-1181,
28 and amendments thereto.

29 (3) If a school district is not fully accredited and a corrective action
30 plan is required by the state board, such corrective action plan, and any
31 subsequent reports prepared by the state board regarding the progress of
32 such school district in implementing and executing such corrective action
33 plan, shall be published on the state department of education's internet
34 website and such school district's internet website in accordance with
35 K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-1181, and amendments thereto.

1 (4) If a school district is not accredited, the superintendent, or the
2 superintendent's designee, shall appear before the committee on education
3 of the house of representatives and the committee on education of the
4 senate during the regular legislative session that occurs during the same
5 school year in which such school district is not accredited. Such school
6 district shall provide a report to such committees on the challenges and
7 obstacles that are preventing such school district from becoming
8 accredited.

9 (b) The state board shall establish curriculum standards that reflect
10 high academic standards for the core academic areas of mathematics,
11 science, reading, writing and social studies. The curriculum standards shall
12 be reviewed at least every seven years. Nothing in this subsection shall be
13 construed in any manner so as to impinge upon any school district's
14 authority to determine its own curriculum.

15 (c) (1) The state board shall provide for statewide assessments in the
16 core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and social
17 studies. The board shall ensure compatibility between the statewide
18 assessments and the curriculum standards established pursuant to
19 subsection (b). Such assessments shall be administered at three grade
20 levels, as determined by the state board. The state board shall determine
21 performance levels on the statewide assessments, the achievement of
22 which represents high academic standards in the academic area at the
23 grade level to which the assessment applies. The state board should specify
24 high academic standards both for individual performance and school
25 performance on the assessments.

26 (2) (A) *On or before January 15 of each year, the state board shall*
27 *prepare and submit to the legislature a report on students who take the*
28 *statewide assessments. Such report shall include:*

29 (i) *The number of students and such number expressed as a*
30 *percentage of the total number of students who took the statewide*
31 *assessments during the immediately preceding school year disaggregated*
32 *by core academic area and by grade level; and*

33 (ii) *the percentage of students who took the statewide assessments in*
34 *grade 10 who, two years after graduating from high school, obtained some*
35 *postsecondary education disaggregated by statewide assessment*
36 *achievement level.*

37 (B) *When such information becomes available, or as soon thereafter*
38 *as practicable, the state board shall publish the information required for*
39 *the report under subparagraph (A) on the website of the state department*
40 *of education and incorporate such information in the performance*
41 *accountability reports and longitudinal achievement reports required*
42 *under K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-5178, and amendments thereto.*

43 (d) Each school year, on such date as specified by the state board,

1 each school district shall submit the Kansas education system accreditation
2 report to the state board in such form and manner as prescribed by the state
3 board.

4 (e) Whenever the state board determines that a school district has
5 failed either to meet the accreditation requirements established by rules
6 and regulations or standards adopted by the state board or provide
7 curriculum based on state standards and courses required by state law, the
8 state board shall so notify the school district. Such notice shall specify the
9 accreditation requirements that the school district has failed to meet and
10 the curriculum that it has failed to provide. Upon receipt of such notice,
11 the board of education of such school district is encouraged to reallocate
12 the resources of the school district to remedy all deficiencies identified by
13 the state board.

14 (f) Each school in every school district shall establish a school site
15 council composed of the principal and representatives of teachers and
16 other school personnel, parents of students attending the school, the
17 business community and other community groups. School site councils
18 shall be responsible for providing advice and counsel in evaluating state,
19 school district, and school site performance goals and objectives and in
20 determining the methods that should be employed at the school site to
21 meet these goals and objectives. Site councils may make recommendations
22 and proposals to the school board regarding budgetary items and school
23 district matters, including, but not limited to, identifying and implementing
24 the best practices for developing efficient and effective administrative and
25 management functions. Site councils also may help school boards analyze
26 the unique environment of schools, enhance the efficiency and maximize
27 limited resources, including outsourcing arrangements and cooperative
28 opportunities as a means to address limited budgets.

29 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-5170 is hereby repealed.

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