

## SENATE BILL No. 458

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to state assessments; requiring  
2 state assessment performance levels and cut scores to be based on the  
3 2024 performance levels and cut scores; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp.  
4 72-5170 and repealing the existing section.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 72-5170 is hereby amended to read as  
8 follows: 72-5170. (a) (1) In order to accomplish the mission for Kansas  
9 education, the state board shall design and adopt a school district  
10 accreditation system based upon improvement in performance that equals  
11 or exceeds the educational goal set forth in K.S.A. 72-3218(c), and  
12 amendments thereto, and is measurable. The state board shall hold all  
13 school districts accountable through the Kansas education systems  
14 accreditation rules and regulations, or any successor accreditation system  
15 and accountability plan adopted by the state board. The state board also  
16 shall ensure that all school districts and the public schools operated by  
17 such districts have programs and initiatives in place for providing those  
18 educational capacities set forth in K.S.A. 72-3218(c), and amendments  
19 thereto. On or before January 15 of each year, the state board shall prepare  
20 and submit a report on the school district accreditation system to the  
21 governor and the legislature.

22 (2) The accountability measures established pursuant to paragraph (1)  
23 shall be applied both at the district level and at the school level. Such  
24 accountability measures shall be reported by the state board for each  
25 school district and each school. All reports prepared pursuant to this  
26 section shall be published in accordance with K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 72-1181,  
27 and amendments thereto.

28 (3) If a school district is not fully accredited and a corrective action  
29 plan is required by the state board, such corrective action plan, and any  
30 subsequent reports prepared by the state board regarding the progress of  
31 such school district in implementing and executing such corrective action  
32 plan, shall be published on the state department of education's internet  
33 website and such school district's internet website in accordance with  
34 K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 72-1181, and amendments thereto.

35 (4) If a school district is not accredited, the superintendent, or the  
36 superintendent's designee, shall appear before the committee on education

1 of the house of representatives and the committee on education of the  
2 senate during the regular legislative session that occurs during the same  
3 school year when such school district is not accredited. Such school  
4 district shall provide a report to such committees on the challenges and  
5 obstacles that are preventing such school district from becoming  
6 accredited.

7 (b) The state board shall establish curriculum standards that reflect  
8 high academic standards for the core academic areas of mathematics,  
9 science, reading, writing and social studies. The curriculum standards may  
10 be reviewed at least every seven years. The state board shall not  
11 substantially revise or update the English language arts or mathematics  
12 curriculum standards that are in effect on July 1, 2024, in a manner that  
13 would necessitate the development of new statewide assessments in  
14 English language arts or mathematics until the state board's long-term goal  
15 for all students submitted to the United States department of education in  
16 the consolidated state plan is achieved such that 75% of all students score  
17 in performance levels 3 and 4 combined on the statewide assessments in  
18 English language arts and mathematics by 2030. Nothing in this subsection  
19 shall be construed in any manner so as to impinge upon any school  
20 district's authority to determine its own curriculum.

21 (c) (1) The state board shall provide for statewide assessments in the  
22 core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and social  
23 studies. The board shall ensure compatibility between the statewide  
24 assessments and the curriculum standards established pursuant to  
25 subsection (b). Such assessments shall be administered at three grade  
26 levels, as determined by the state board. ~~The state board shall determine~~  
27 ~~performance levels on the statewide assessments, the achievement of~~  
28 ~~which represents~~ *should represent* high academic standards for both  
29 *individual performance and school performance* in the academic area at  
30 the grade level to which the assessment applies. ~~The state board should~~  
31 ~~specify high academic standards both for individual performance and~~  
32 ~~school performance on the performance levels on the statewide~~  
33 ~~assessments shall be the same performance levels and cut scores~~  
34 ~~determined by the state board for 2024.~~

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

38 (i) The number of students and such number expressed as a  
39 percentage of the total number of students who took the statewide  
40 assessments during the immediately preceding school year disaggregated  
41 by core academic area and by grade level; and

42 (ii) the percentage of students who took the statewide assessments in  
43 grade 10 who, two years after graduating from high school, obtained some

1 postsecondary education disaggregated by statewide assessment  
2 achievement level.

3 (B) When such information becomes available, or as soon thereafter  
4 as practicable, the state board shall publish the information required for the  
5 report under subparagraph (A) on the website of the state department of  
6 education and incorporate such information in the performance  
7 accountability reports and longitudinal achievement reports required under  
8 K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 72-5178, and amendments thereto.

9 (C) The provisions of this paragraph shall expire on July 1, 2029.

10 (d) Each school year, on such date as specified by the state board,  
11 each school district shall submit the Kansas education system accreditation  
12 report to the state board in such form and manner as prescribed by the state  
13 board.

14 (e) Whenever the state board determines that a school district has  
15 failed either to meet the accreditation requirements established by rules  
16 and regulations or standards adopted by the state board or provide  
17 curriculum based on state standards and courses required by state law, the  
18 state board shall so notify the school district. Such notice shall specify the  
19 accreditation requirements that the school district has failed to meet and  
20 the curriculum that it has failed to provide. Upon receipt of such notice,  
21 the board of education of such school district is encouraged to reallocate  
22 the resources of the school district to remedy all deficiencies identified by  
23 the state board.

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

39 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 72-5170 is hereby repealed.

40 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
41 publication in the Kansas register.