

Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 45

AN ACT concerning education; relating to graduation rate determinations; requiring the state board of education to calculate graduation rates for purposes of accreditation using an alternative calculation for all school districts; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 72-3713 and repealing the existing section.

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

New Section 1. For purposes of accreditation by the state board, the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate for each school district and any schools operated by such school district, including any virtual school, shall be determined by excluding any student who:

- (a) Had not earned sufficient credits to be expected to graduate in the same school year as such student's cohort at the time that such student transferred to and enrolled in such school or school district; or
- (b) was enrolled in such school or school district but subsequently transferred to a nonaccredited private school in Kansas or another state.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 72-3713 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-3713. (a) Virtual schools shall be under the general supervision of the state board. The state board may adopt any rules and regulations relating to virtual schools that the state board deems necessary to administer and enforce the virtual school act.

~~(b) For purposes of accreditation by the state board, the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate for a virtual school shall be determined by only including those students enrolled in such virtual school who had earned sufficient credits to be expected to graduate in the same school year as such student's cohort at the time such student first enrolled in such virtual school. The virtual school's four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate shall be determined in addition to the graduation rates determined for the school district that operates the virtual school and any other high schools operated by the school district.~~

(e) No virtual school shall offer or provide any financial incentive for a student to enroll in a virtual school.

~~(d)~~(c) As used in this section, "financial incentive" means any monetary payment or award that is intended to encourage, entice or motivate a student to enroll in a virtual school.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 72-3713 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the
SENATE, and passed that body

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE
as amended _____

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.