

House Resolution No. 6008

By Representative McCray-Miller

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1 A RESOLUTION urging the State Board of Education to encourage school
2 districts to administer the Kansas Communities That Care Survey.

3 WHEREAS, The Kansas Communities That Care youth survey, which
4 is implemented and funded by the Addiction and Prevention Services
5 division of the department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, tracks
6 teen usage of harmful substances such as alcohol, tobacco and illegal
7 drugs and provides information regarding teen participation in, perception
8 of, and attitudes toward prosocial and antisocial behavior at the peer,
9 school, family and community levels; and

10 WHEREAS, The survey provides measurable data concerning the risk
11 and protective factors that influence behavior, attitudes and opinions of
12 Kansas teens; and

13 WHEREAS, Such survey data is used to develop measurable outcomes
14 that communities throughout the state choose to target, and can be used to
15 track progress towards those outcomes; and

16 WHEREAS, The survey has been administered annually throughout the
17 state, free of charge, since 1994; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2011, 101,600 students from 247 school districts,
19 representing 70% of all eligible sixth, eighth, tenth and twelfth grade
20 students all across Kansas, participated in the survey; and

21 WHEREAS, The survey data is an instrumental tool used by the
22 Juvenile Justice Authority and the Kansas Advisory Group to make
23 funding decisions and evaluate the effectiveness of youth programs: Now,
24 therefore,

25 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
26 That we urge the State Board of Education to continue the widespread use
27 of the Kansas Communities That Care survey to ensure that quality,
28 reliable data can be gathered and implemented to serve the youth of
29 Kansas; and

30 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
31 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the
32 members of the State Board of Education.