

SENATE BILL No. 384

By Committee on Education

2-7

1 AN ACT concerning foster care students; relating to the state department
2 of education and the department for children and families; requiring
3 reporting of certain educational outcomes for foster care students
4 attending public and accredited nonpublic schools.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) The state department of education and the department
8 for children and families shall collaborate to prepare an annual report on
9 educational outcome data for foster care students. The annual report shall
10 include the following aggregate data for the preceding school year:

- 11 (1) The graduation rate of foster care students;
12 (2) the number and percentage of foster care students that were
13 promoted to the next grade level;
14 (3) the number and percentage of foster care students that were
15 suspended during the school year;
16 (4) the number and percentage of foster care students that were
17 expelled during the school year;
18 (5) state standardized assessment scores for foster care students,
19 including the number and percentage of students meeting academic
20 standards as determined by the state board of education;
21 (6) the number and percentage of foster care students enrolled in any
22 preschool-aged at-risk program; and
23 (7) the total number of foster care students enrolled in a school
24 district or nonpublic school and the disaggregated number and percentage
25 of foster care students enrolled in school districts and accredited nonpublic
26 schools.

27 (b) On or before January 15 of each year, the state department of
28 education and the department for children and families shall prepare and
29 submit the report required pursuant to this section to the senate committee
30 on education and the house committee on education.

31 (c) As used in this section:

32 (1) "Foster care student" means any individual who was in the
33 custody of the Kansas department for children and families at any time
34 when such student attended a school during the school year for which the
35 report required pursuant to this section is to be completed.

36 (2) "School" means any school of a school district or any nonpublic

- 1 school accredited by the state board of education.
- 2 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 3 publication in the statute book.