

HOUSE BILL No. 2315

By Representative Martinez

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to curriculum; requiring school
2 districts to offer instruction on life skills for students enrolled in middle
3 school and high school.

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

6 Section 1. (a) Commencing in school year 2024-2025, each school
7 district shall offer instruction in life skills for students enrolled in any of
8 the grades six through 12 in the school district. Instruction in life skills
9 may be offered as independent courses or as part of the curriculum of
10 existing courses offered by the school district. The board of education of
11 each school district may determine which areas of instruction the school
12 district will offer as life skills instruction. Any course on life skills shall be
13 an elective course and shall not be required for grade advancement or
14 graduation.

15 (b) A course in life skills may include, but is not limited to, the
16 following areas of instruction:

17 (1) Nutrition programs, including, but not limited to, meal planning
18 and preparation;

19 (2) automobile maintenance;

20 (3) etiquette, social interaction and interpersonal skills;

21 (4) the United States justice system and how it operates;

22 (5) emergency situation management;

23 (6) self-discipline, including, but not limited to, impulse control and
24 managing stress and anger;

25 (7) managing peer pressure;

26 (8) the concept of social justice;

27 (9) the concept of empathy;

28 (10) managing personal boundaries;

29 (11) interpersonal communication skills;

30 (12) personal hygiene and grooming;

31 (13) personal organizational skills and time management;

32 (14) family and consumer science;

33 (15) interactions through social media and potential consequences;

34 (16) problem solving and critical thinking skills;

35 (17) teamwork skills;

36 (18) civic literacy; and

1 (19) career exploration.

2 (c) Upon request, the state board of education shall provide technical
3 advice and assistance to any school district regarding implementation of
4 the provisions of this section.

5 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
6 publication in the statute book.