

## SENATE BILL No. 9

By Special Committee on Preschool and K-12 Matters

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AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to review of curriculum standards in certain core academic areas; amending K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6439 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6439 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6439. (a) In order to accomplish the mission for Kansas education, the state board of education shall design and adopt a school performance accreditation system based upon improvement in performance that reflects high academic standards and is measurable.

(b) The state board of education shall provide for assessments in the core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing, and social studies, and shall establish curriculum standards for such core academic areas. The assessments shall be administered at three grade levels, as determined by the state board. The curriculum standards shall be equal to the best standards and shall be reviewed at least every ~~three~~ five years. The state board shall ensure compatibility between the statewide assessments and the curriculum standards. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed in any manner so as to impinge upon any district's authority to determine its own curriculum.

(c) The state board of education shall determine performance levels on the statewide assessments, the achievement of which represents excellence in the academic area at the grade level to which the assessment applies. The state board should specify the measure of excellence both for individual performance and school performance on the assessments.

(d) Each school in every district shall establish a school site council composed of the principal and representatives of teachers and other school personnel, parents of pupils attending the school, the business community, and other community groups. School site councils shall be responsible for providing advice and counsel in evaluating state, school district, and school site performance goals and objectives and in determining the methods that should be employed at the school site to meet these goals and objectives.

(e) On or before January 1, ~~1997~~ *in each school year*, the state board of education shall prepare a public education performance report card

1 consisting of statewide aggregated data pertaining to performance on  
2 statewide assessments and other measurable performance indicators  
3 specified by the state board as part of the accreditation system. The report  
4 card shall be designed to show comparative data over multiple years, as  
5 determined by the state board. In addition to the public education per-  
6 formance report card, the state board shall prepare a school building  
7 report card for each school building operated by a district and shall pro-  
8 vide the board of each district with information showing the statewide  
9 data and school building data, including multiple year data.

10 ~~(f) Under the direction of Kansas, Inc., and subject to appropriations~~  
11 ~~therefor, a study evaluating changes in pupil performance attributable to~~  
12 ~~the school accreditation system shall be conducted between July 1 and~~  
13 ~~November 30, 1997. The main purpose of the study shall be to ascertain,~~  
14 ~~through evaluation of the 48 school districts that began implementation~~  
15 ~~of the school performance accreditation process in the 1991-92 school~~  
16 ~~year, the extent of the change in pupil academic performance under the~~  
17 ~~system and to provide an explanation of the factors that have contributed~~  
18 ~~materially to the changes that have occurred. The study shall be based~~  
19 ~~on data for the 1996-97 school year. The results of the study shall be~~  
20 ~~reported to the legislature at the commencement of the 1998 session.~~  
21 ~~Kansas, Inc. shall convene an advisory committee for assistance in de-~~  
22 ~~signing the study, providing direction for the conducting of research, an-~~  
23 ~~alyzing research findings, and preparing the report of the results of the~~  
24 ~~study. The advisory committee shall consist of not less than seven and~~  
25 ~~not more than 11 members and shall be representative of the state board~~  
26 ~~of education, teachers, school administrators, boards of education, busi-~~  
27 ~~ness, and the public. Members of the advisory committee attending meet-~~  
28 ~~ings of the committee or subcommittee meetings authorized by Kansas,~~  
29 ~~Inc. shall be paid amounts provided for in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 75-~~  
30 ~~3223, and amendments thereto.~~

31 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6439 is hereby repealed.

32 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
33 publication in the statute book.

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