

SENATE BILL No. 531

AN ACT concerning school finance; relating to the definition of enrollment; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 72-6407 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 72-6407 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6407. (a) "Pupil" means any person who is regularly enrolled in a district and attending kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 maintained by the district or who is regularly enrolled in a district and attending kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 in another district in accordance with an agreement entered into under authority of K.S.A. 72-8233, and amendments thereto, or who is regularly enrolled in a district and attending special education services provided for preschool-aged exceptional children by the district. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a pupil in attendance full time shall be counted as one pupil. A pupil in attendance part time shall be counted as that proportion of one pupil (to the nearest  $\frac{1}{10}$ ) that the pupil's attendance bears to full-time attendance. A pupil attending kindergarten shall be counted as  $\frac{1}{2}$  pupil. A pupil enrolled in and attending an institution of postsecondary education which is authorized under the laws of this state to award academic degrees shall be counted as one pupil if the pupil's postsecondary education enrollment and attendance together with the pupil's attendance in either of the grades 11 or 12 is at least  $\frac{5}{6}$  time, otherwise the pupil shall be counted as that proportion of one pupil (to the nearest  $\frac{1}{10}$ ) that the total time of the pupil's postsecondary education attendance and attendance in grade 11 or 12, as applicable, bears to full-time attendance. A pupil enrolled in and attending an area vocational school, area vocational-technical school or approved vocational education program shall be counted as one pupil if the pupil's vocational education enrollment and attendance together with the pupil's attendance in any of grades nine through 12 is at least  $\frac{5}{6}$  time, otherwise the pupil shall be counted as that proportion of one pupil (to the nearest  $\frac{1}{10}$ ) that the total time of the pupil's vocational education attendance and attendance in any of grades nine through 12 bears to full-time attendance. A pupil enrolled in a district and attending special education and related services, except special education and related services for preschool-aged exceptional children, provided for by the district shall be counted as one pupil. A pupil enrolled in a district and attending special education and related services for preschool-aged exceptional children provided for by the district shall be counted as  $\frac{1}{2}$  pupil. A preschool-aged at-risk pupil enrolled in a district and receiving services under an approved at-risk pupil assistance plan maintained by the district shall be counted as  $\frac{1}{2}$  pupil. A pupil in the custody of the secretary of social and rehabilitation services and enrolled in unified school district No. 259, Sedgwick county, Kansas, but housed, maintained, and receiving educational services at the Judge James V. Riddell Boys Ranch, shall be counted as two pupils. A pupil residing at the Flint Hills job corps center shall not be counted. A pupil confined in and receiving educational services provided for by a district at a juvenile detention facility shall not be counted. A pupil enrolled in a district but housed, maintained, and receiving educational services at a state institution shall not be counted.

(b) "Preschool-aged exceptional children" means exceptional children, except gifted children, who have attained the age of three years but are under the age of eligibility for attendance at kindergarten.

(c) "At-risk pupils" means pupils who are eligible for free meals under the national school lunch act and who are enrolled in a district which maintains an approved at-risk pupil assistance plan.

(d) "Preschool-aged at-risk pupil" means an at-risk pupil who has attained the age of four years, is under the age of eligibility for attendance at kindergarten, and has been selected by the state board in accordance with guidelines consonant with guidelines governing the selection of pupils for participation in head start programs. The state board shall select not more than 3,756 preschool-aged at-risk pupils to be counted in the 2001-02 school year and not more than 5,500 preschool-aged at-risk pupils to be counted in any school year thereafter.

(e) "Enrollment" means: (1) For districts scheduling the school days or school hours of the school term on a trimestral or quarterly basis, the number of pupils regularly enrolled in the district on September 20 plus the number of pupils regularly enrolled in the district on February 20 less the number of pupils regularly enrolled on February 20 who were

counted in the enrollment of the district on September 20; and for districts not ~~hereinbefore~~ specified *in this clause (1)*, the number of pupils regularly enrolled in the district on September 20. ~~Notwithstanding the foregoing;~~ (2) if enrollment in a district in any school year has decreased from enrollment in the preceding school year, enrollment of the district in the current school year means whichever is the greater of ~~(1)~~ (A) enrollment in the preceding school year minus enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils were enrolled, plus enrollment in the current school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils are enrolled, or ~~(2)~~ (B) the sum of enrollment in the current school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils are enrolled and the average (mean) of the sum of ~~(A)~~ (i) enrollment of the district in the current school year minus enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils are enrolled and ~~(B)~~ (ii) enrollment in the preceding school year minus enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils were enrolled and ~~(C)~~ (iii) enrollment in the school year next preceding the preceding school year minus enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils were enrolled; or (3) *the number of pupils as determined under section 2, and amendments thereto.*

(f) “Adjusted enrollment” means enrollment adjusted by adding at-risk pupil weighting, program weighting, low enrollment weighting, if any, correlation weighting, if any, school facilities weighting, if any, ancillary school facilities weighting, if any, special education and related services weighting, and transportation weighting to enrollment.

(g) “At-risk pupil weighting” means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of enrollment of at-risk pupils.

(h) “Program weighting” means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of pupil attendance in educational programs which differ in cost from regular educational programs.

(i) “Low enrollment weighting” means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts having under 1,725 enrollment on the basis of costs attributable to maintenance of educational programs by such districts in comparison with costs attributable to maintenance of educational programs by districts having 1,725 or over enrollment.

(j) “School facilities weighting” means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of costs attributable to commencing operation of new school facilities. School facilities weighting may be assigned to enrollment of a district only if the district has adopted a local option budget and budgeted therein the total amount authorized for the school year. School facilities weighting may be assigned to enrollment of the district only in the school year in which operation of a new school facility is commenced and in the next succeeding school year.

(k) “Transportation weighting” means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of costs attributable to the provision or furnishing of transportation.

(l) “Correlation weighting” means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts having 1,725 or over enrollment on the basis of costs attributable to maintenance of educational programs by such districts as a correlate to low enrollment weighting assigned to enrollment of districts having under 1,725 enrollment.

(m) “Ancillary school facilities weighting” means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts to which the provisions of K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 72-6441, and amendments thereto, apply on the basis of costs attributable to commencing operation of new school facilities. Ancillary school facilities weighting may be assigned to enrollment of a district only if the district has levied a tax under authority of K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 72-6441, and amendments thereto, and remitted the proceeds from such tax to the state treasurer. Ancillary school facilities weighting is in addition to assignment of school facilities weighting to enrollment of any district eligible for such weighting.

(n) “Juvenile detention facility” means any community juvenile corrections center or facility, the Forbes Juvenile Attention Facility, the Sappa Valley Youth Ranch of Oberlin, Salvation Army/Koch Center Youth Services, the Clarence M. Kelley Youth Center, the Clarence M. Kelley Transitional Living Center, Trego County Secure Care Center, St. Francis Academy at Atchison, St. Francis Academy at Ellsworth, St. Francis

Academy at Salina, St. Francis Center at Salina, King’s Achievement Center, and Liberty Juvenile Services and Treatment.

(o) “Special education and related services weighting” means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of costs attributable to provision of special education and related services for pupils determined to be exceptional children.

New Sec. 2. (a) If the state board of education determines that the enrollment of a school district in the preceding school year had decreased from the enrollment in the second preceding school year and that a disaster had contributed to such decrease, the enrollment of such district in the second school year following the school year in which the enrollment of the school district was first affected by the disaster shall be the greater of:

(1) The enrollment of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any, plus the average of the enrollment for the current and the preceding three school years, excluding the enrollment of preschool-age at-risk pupils in each such year; or

(2) the enrollment of the district as defined by subsection (e) of K.S.A. 72-6407, and amendments thereto.

(b) As used in this section, “disaster” means the occurrence of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from flood, earthquake, tornado, wind, storm, drought, blight or infestation.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 72-6407 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

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SENATE adopted  
Conference Committee Report \_\_\_\_\_

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*