

## HOUSE BILL No. 2256

By Representatives Decker, Mason and E. Peterson

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AN ACT concerning school districts; studying the feasibility of regional education districts

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

Section 1. (a) Commencing on July 1, 2003, the state board of education shall conduct a study of all school districts in Kansas to analyze the feasibility of creating regional education districts. Regional education districts shall serve as the consolidated administrative services of school districts in such regional education districts.

(b) As a part of the study, the state board of education shall consider:

(1) Rural and urban territory. In rural areas, the minimum territory shall be based on county lines.

(2) Consolidation of administrative services of school districts including the administrative structure of the district.

(3) Available facilities. Facilities shall be reviewed by age and condition.

(4) Appropriate courses and staffing. Consideration shall be given to the precollege curriculum prescribed by the board of regents and technical education.

(5) Support services, including special education, transportation, food service and maintenance.

(6) Incentives to school districts and communities which voluntarily form regional education districts.

(7) Locations of administrative and operation functions.

(8) Leadership and governance of the regional education district.

(9) Responsibilities of the regional education district, including budget adoption, policy review and development, selection of administration, strategic planning and curriculum oversight.

(10) Representation on the governing body of the regional education district.

(11) Establishing satellite education centers and attendance centers. Consideration shall be given to location in regard to traveling time for students and possible enrollment; to establishing maximum student population; and to the need for necessary small attendance centers in sparsely populated areas.

1 (12) Funding for the regional education districts.

2 (13) Establishing a pilot regional education district.

3 (c) The state board of education shall submit a report concerning the  
4 findings of the study to the governor and the legislature on or before  
5 January 1, 2004. The report shall include the board's analysis and the  
6 board's recommendations concerning regional education districts, includ-  
7 ing recommendations for revising statutes, rules and regulations, policies  
8 and procedures.

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

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