

SENATE BILL No. 59

By Committee on Education

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AN ACT providing for a Kansas exemplary schools recognition program.

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

Section 1. As used in this act:

(a) "School district" means any public school district.

(b) "School" means any school operated by a school district.

(c) "Exemplary school recognition award" means an award made under this act to recognize and reward exemplary schools for outstanding contribution to successful achievement of the mission for Kansas education.

(d) "Exemplary school" means a school determined by the state board of education to have met the building standard of excellence on the basis of criteria developed under the quality performance accreditation system in consideration of attainment or significant and continuous progress toward attainment by pupils in attendance at the school of levels of performance categorized as advanced or proficient.

Sec. 2. (a) The state board of education shall adopt rules and regulations for administration of the provisions of this act and shall develop and prescribe criteria for determination and recognition of exemplary schools.

(b) In each school year, each school recognized as an exemplary school by the state board of education shall be entitled to an exemplary school recognition award in an amount to be determined by the state board of education within limits of appropriations made for the exemplary schools recognition program. The amount of the award shall be paid to the board of education having jurisdiction over the exemplary school, deposited in the general fund of the school district and credited to the account of the exemplary school. All amounts received by a school district and credited to the account of an exemplary school may be expended whether the same have been budgeted or not and amounts so expended shall not be considered operating expenses of the school district. The school site council of an exemplary school shall determine the purposes for which the award shall be expended.

(c) Each school district which receives one or more exemplary school recognition awards shall make such periodic and special reports of statis-

1 tical information to the state board as it may request.

2 Sec. 3. (a) Periodically, but not less often than biennially, the state
3 board of education shall study, review and consider data and other infor-
4 mation collected by school districts under the quality performance ac-
5 creditation system in order to determine the extent to which pupils are
6 demonstrating attainment or significant and continuous progress toward
7 attainment of advanced or proficient levels of performance in order to
8 qualify their schools as exemplary schools.

9 (b) Upon completion of each review conducted under subsection (a),
10 the state board of education shall disseminate appropriate information
11 and summary data concerning the Kansas exemplary schools recognition
12 program to boards, the legislature, the governor and to other interested
13 parties.

14 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
15 publication in the statute book.

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