

## HOUSE BILL No. 2587

By Representative Huebert

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AN ACT relating to school finance; concerning declining enrollments, correlation weighting and low enrollment weighting; amending K.S.A. 72-6412 and 72-6442 and K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 72-6407 and repealing the existing sections.

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

New Section 1. (a) There is hereby established in every district a fund which shall be called the school district block grant fund which shall consist of all moneys deposited therein or transferred thereto in accordance with law.

(b) Moneys in the school district block grant fund may be expended for any education purpose approved by the school board.

New Sec. 2. (a) At the same time that the state board of education distributes general state aid, the state board shall distribute proportional amounts of the distribution of school district block grant funds determined in accordance with subsection (b).

(b) The amount of money each school year to be distributed to each school district block grant fund shall be \$280 times the school district's adjusted enrollment. If appropriations for payments pursuant to this section are insufficient, the distribution of moneys shall be prorated.

New Sec. 3. In the event that a school district receives less money pursuant to section 2 in any school year than the amount of money received for school year 2003-2004 which is attributable to low enrollment weighting, correlation weighting and declining enrollment provisions, the difference shall be added to the maximum local option budget amount otherwise authorized by other sections of the school district finance and quality performance act in each subsequent school year.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2003 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-

1 aged exceptional children by the district. Except as otherwise provided  
2 in this subsection, a pupil in attendance full time shall be counted as one  
3 pupil. A pupil in attendance part time shall be counted as that proportion  
4 of one pupil (to the nearest  $\frac{1}{10}$ ) that the pupil's attendance bears to full-  
5 time attendance. A pupil attending kindergarten shall be counted as  $\frac{1}{2}$   
6 pupil. A pupil enrolled in and attending an institution of postsecondary  
7 education which is authorized under the laws of this state to award aca-  
8 demic degrees shall be counted as one pupil if the pupil's postsecondary  
9 education enrollment and attendance together with the pupil's attend-  
10 ance in either of the grades 11 or 12 is at least  $\frac{5}{6}$  time, otherwise the  
11 pupil shall be counted as that proportion of one pupil (to the nearest  $\frac{1}{10}$ )  
12 that the total time of the pupil's postsecondary education attendance and  
13 attendance in grade 11 or 12, as applicable, bears to full-time attendance.  
14 A pupil enrolled in and attending an area vocational school, area voca-  
15 tional-technical school or approved vocational education program shall be  
16 counted as one pupil if the pupil's vocational education enrollment and  
17 attendance together with the pupil's attendance in any of grades nine  
18 through 12 is at least  $\frac{5}{6}$  time, otherwise the pupil shall be counted as that  
19 proportion of one pupil (to the nearest  $\frac{1}{10}$ ) that the total time of the  
20 pupil's vocational education attendance and attendance in any of grades  
21 nine through 12 bears to full-time attendance. A pupil enrolled in a dis-  
22 trict and attending special education and related services, except special  
23 education and related services for preschool-aged exceptional children,  
24 provided for by the district shall be counted as one pupil. A pupil enrolled  
25 in a district and attending special education and related services for pre-  
26 school-aged exceptional children provided for by the district shall be  
27 counted as  $\frac{1}{2}$  pupil. A preschool-aged at-risk pupil enrolled in a district  
28 and receiving services under an approved at-risk pupil assistance plan  
29 maintained by the district shall be counted as  $\frac{1}{2}$  pupil. A pupil in the  
30 custody of the secretary of social and rehabilitation services and enrolled  
31 in unified school district No. 259, Sedgwick county, Kansas, but housed,  
32 maintained, and receiving educational services at the Judge James V. Rid-  
33 del Boys Ranch, shall be counted as two pupils. A pupil residing at the  
34 Flint Hills job corps center shall not be counted. A pupil confined in and  
35 receiving educational services provided for by a district at a juvenile de-  
36 tention facility shall not be counted. A pupil enrolled in a district but  
37 housed, maintained, and receiving educational services at a state institu-  
38 tion shall not be counted.

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

42 (c) "At-risk pupils" means pupils who are eligible for free meals un-  
43 der the national school lunch act and who are enrolled in a district which

1 maintains an approved at-risk pupil assistance plan.

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

9 (e) "Enrollment" means: (1) For districts scheduling the school days  
10 or school hours of the school term on a trimestral or quarterly basis, the  
11 number of pupils regularly enrolled in the district on September 20 plus  
12 the number of pupils regularly enrolled in the district on February 20  
13 less the number of pupils regularly enrolled on February 20 who were  
14 counted in the enrollment of the district on September 20; and for dis-  
15 tricts not specified in this clause (1), the number of pupils regularly en-  
16 rolled in the district on September 20; (2) if enrollment in a district in  
17 any school year has decreased from enrollment in the preceding school  
18 year, enrollment of the district in the current school year means ~~which-~~  
19 ~~ever is the greater of one-half of the sum of enrollment amounts deter-~~  
20 ~~mined in accordance with the following clauses (A) or (B), whichever is~~  
21 ~~greater:~~ (A) enrollment in the preceding school year minus enrollment in  
22 such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils were  
23 enrolled, plus enrollment in the current school year of preschool-aged at-  
24 risk pupils, if any such pupils are enrolled, or (B) the sum of enrollment  
25 in the current school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such  
26 pupils are enrolled and the average (mean) of the sum of (i) enrollment  
27 of the district in the current school year minus enrollment in such school  
28 year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils are enrolled and  
29 (ii) enrollment in the preceding school year minus enrollment in such  
30 school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils were en-  
31 rolled and (iii) enrollment in the school year next preceding the preceding  
32 school year minus enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged at-  
33 risk pupils, if any such pupils were enrolled; or (3) the number of pupils  
34 as determined under K.S.A. 72-6447, and amendments thereto.

35 (f) "Adjusted enrollment" means enrollment adjusted by adding at-  
36 risk pupil weighting, program weighting, low enrollment weighting, if any,  
37 correlation weighting, if any, school facilities weighting, if any, ancillary  
38 school facilities weighting, if any, special education and related services  
39 weighting, and transportation weighting to enrollment.

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

42 (h) "Program weighting" means an addend component assigned to  
43 enrollment of districts on the basis of pupil attendance in educational

1 programs which differ in cost from regular educational programs.

2 (i) "Low enrollment weighting" means an addend component as-  
3 signed to enrollment of districts having under 1,725 enrollment on the  
4 basis of costs attributable to maintenance of educational programs by such  
5 districts in comparison with costs attributable to maintenance of educa-  
6 tional programs by districts having 1,725 or over enrollment.

7 (j) "School facilities weighting" means an addend component as-  
8 signed to enrollment of districts on the basis of costs attributable to com-  
9 mencing operation of new school facilities. School facilities weighting may  
10 be assigned to enrollment of a district only if the district has adopted a  
11 local option budget and budgeted therein the total amount authorized for  
12 the school year. School facilities weighting may be assigned to enrollment  
13 of the district only in the school year in which operation of a new school  
14 facility is commenced and in the next succeeding school year.

15 (k) "Transportation weighting" means an addend component as-  
16 signed to enrollment of districts on the basis of costs attributable to the  
17 provision or furnishing of transportation.

18 (l) "Correlation weighting" means an addend component assigned to  
19 enrollment of districts having 1,725 or over enrollment on the basis of  
20 costs attributable to maintenance of educational programs by such dis-  
21 tricts as a correlate to low enrollment weighting assigned to enrollment  
22 of districts having under 1,725 enrollment.

23 (m) "Ancillary school facilities weighting" means an addend compo-  
24 nent assigned to enrollment of districts to which the provisions of K.S.A.  
25 72-6441, and amendments thereto, apply on the basis of costs attributable  
26 to commencing operation of new school facilities. Ancillary school facil-  
27 ities weighting may be assigned to enrollment of a district only if the  
28 district has levied a tax under authority of K.S.A. 72-6441, and amend-  
29 ments thereto, and remitted the proceeds from such tax to the state trea-  
30 surer. Ancillary school facilities weighting is in addition to assignment of  
31 school facilities weighting to enrollment of any district eligible for such  
32 weighting.

33 (n) "Juvenile detention facility" means: (1) Any secure public or pri-  
34 vate facility which is used for the lawful custody of accused or adjudicated  
35 juvenile offenders and which shall not be a jail;

36 (2) any level VI treatment facility licensed by the Kansas department  
37 of health and environment which is a psychiatric residential treatment  
38 facility for individuals under the age of 21 which conforms with the reg-  
39 ulations of the centers for medicare/medicaid services and the joint com-  
40 mission on accreditation of health care organizations governing such fa-  
41 cilities; and

42 (3) the Forbes Juvenile Attention Facility, the Sappa Valley Youth  
43 Ranch of Oberlin, Salvation Army/Koch Center Youth Services, the Clar-

1 ence M. Kelley Youth Center, the Clarence M. Kelley Transitional Living  
2 Center, Trego County Secure Care Center, St. Francis Academy at At-  
3 chison, St. Francis Academy at Ellsworth, St. Francis Academy at Salina,  
4 St. Francis Center at Salina, King's Achievement Center, and Liberty  
5 Juvenile Services and Treatment.

6 (o) "Special education and related services weighting" means an ad-  
7 dend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of costs  
8 attributable to provision of special education and related services for pu-  
9 pils determined to be exceptional children.

10 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 72-6412 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-  
11 6412. The low enrollment weighting of each district with under 1,725  
12 enrollment shall be determined by the state board as follows:

13 (a) Determine the amount of the median budget per pupil for the  
14 1991-92 school year of districts with 75-125 enrollment in such school  
15 year;

16 (b) determine the amount of the median budget per pupil for the  
17 1991-92 school year of districts with 200-399 enrollment in such school  
18 year;

19 (c) determine the amount of the median budget per pupil for the  
20 1991-92 school year of districts with 1,900 or over enrollment;

21 (d) prescribe a schedule amount for each of the districts by preparing  
22 a schedule based upon an accepted mathematical formula and derived  
23 from a linear transition between (1) the median budgets per pupil deter-  
24 mined under (a) and (b), and (2) the median budgets per pupil deter-  
25 mined under (b) and (c). The schedule amount for districts with 0-99  
26 enrollment is an amount equal to the amount of the median budget per  
27 pupil determined under (a). The schedule amount for districts with 100-  
28 299 enrollment is the amount derived from the linear transition under  
29 (1). The schedule amount for districts with 300-1,899 enrollment is the  
30 amount derived from the linear transition under (2);

31 (e) for districts with 0-99 enrollment:

32 (1) Subtract the amount determined under (c) from the amount de-  
33 termined under (a);

34 (2) divide the remainder obtained under (1) by the amount deter-  
35 mined under (c);

36 (3) multiply the quotient obtained under (2) by the enrollment of the  
37 district in the current school year. The product is *then divided by two*.  
38 *The quotient is* the low enrollment weighting of the district;

39 (f) for districts with 100-299 enrollment:

40 (1) Subtract the amount determined under (c) from the schedule  
41 amount of the district;

42 (2) divide the remainder obtained under (1) by the amount deter-  
43 mined under (c);

1 (3) multiply the quotient obtained under (2) by the enrollment of the  
2 district in the current school year. The product is *then divided by 2*. *The*  
3 *quotient is* the low enrollment weighting of the district;

4 (g) for districts with 300-1,724 enrollment:

5 (1) Subtract the amount determined under (c) from the schedule  
6 amount of the district;

7 (2) divide the remainder obtained under (1) by the amount deter-  
8 mined under (c);

9 (3) multiply the quotient obtained under (2) by the enrollment of the  
10 district in the current school year. The product is *then divided by 2*. *The*  
11 *quotient is* the low enrollment weighting of the district.

12 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 72-6442 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-  
13 6442. The correlation weighting of each district with 1,725 or over en-  
14 rollment shall be determined by the state board as follows:

15 (a) Determine the schedule amount for a district with 1,725 enroll-  
16 ment as derived from the linear transition under (d) of K.S.A. 72-6412,  
17 and amendments thereto, and subtract the amount determined under (c)  
18 of K.S.A. 72-6412, and amendments thereto, from the schedule amount  
19 so determined;

20 (b) divide the remainder obtained under (a) by the amount deter-  
21 mined under (c) of K.S.A. 72-6412, and amendments thereto, and mul-  
22 tiple the quotient by the enrollment of the district in the current school  
23 year. The product is *then divided by 2*. *The quotient is* the correlation  
24 weighting of the district.

25 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 72-6412 and 72-6442 and K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 72-6407  
26 are hereby repealed.

27 Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
28 publication in the statute book.

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