

HOUSE BILL No. 2588

By Representative Huebert

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

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 \$560 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 (A) enrollment in the preceding school year minus
20 enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any
21 such pupils were enrolled, plus enrollment in the current school year of
22 preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils are enrolled, or (B) the
23 sum of enrollment in the current school year of preschool-aged at-risk
24 pupils, if any such pupils are enrolled and the average (mean) of the sum
25 of (i) enrollment of the district in the current school year minus enroll-
26 ment in such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such
27 pupils are enrolled and (ii) enrollment in the preceding school year minus
28 enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any
29 such pupils were enrolled and (iii) enrollment in the school year next
30 preceding the preceding school year minus enrollment in such school year
31 of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils were enrolled; or (3)~~
32 the number of pupils as determined under K.S.A. 72-6447, and amend-
33 ments thereto.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 —~~(m)~~ (k) “Ancillary school facilities weighting” means an addend com-
23 ponent assigned to enrollment of districts to which the provisions of
24 K.S.A. 72-6441, and amendments thereto, apply on the basis of costs
25 attributable to commencing operation of new school facilities. Ancillary
26 school facilities weighting may be assigned to enrollment of a district only
27 if the district has levied a tax under authority of K.S.A. 72-6441, and
28 amendments thereto, and remitted the proceeds from such tax to the
29 state treasurer. Ancillary school facilities weighting is in addition to as-
30 signment of school facilities weighting to enrollment of any district eli-
31 gible for such weighting.

32 ~~(n)~~ (l) “Juvenile detention facility” means: (1) Any secure public or
33 private facility which is used for the lawful custody of accused or adju-
34 dicated juvenile offenders and which shall not be a jail;

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

41 (3) the Forbes Juvenile Attention Facility, the Sappa Valley Youth
42 Ranch of Oberlin, Salvation Army/Koch Center Youth Services, the Clar-
43 ence M. Kelley Youth Center, the Clarence M. Kelley Transitional Living

1 Center, Trego County Secure Care Center, St. Francis Academy at At-
2 chison, St. Francis Academy at Ellsworth, St. Francis Academy at Salina,
3 St. Francis Center at Salina, King's Achievement Center, and Liberty
4 Juvenile Services and Treatment.

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

9 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 72-6412 and 72-6442 and K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 72-6407
10 are hereby repealed.

11 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
12 publication in the statute book.

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