

HOUSE BILL No. 2017

By Legislative Educational Planning Committee

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9 AN ACT concerning education; establishing the English for speakers of
10 other languages (ESOL) commission; prescribing the powers and du-
11 ties thereof.

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

14 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the English for speakers
15 of other languages (ESOL) commission. The commission shall be com-
16 posed of nine members as follows:

17 (1) Two members appointed by the president of the senate;

18 (2) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

19 (3) two members appointed by the speaker of the house of
20 representatives;

21 (4) one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of
22 representatives; and

23 (5) three members appointed by the governor.

24 (b) No members of the legislature may be appointed to the
25 commission.

26 (c) Terms of members shall commence on July 1, 2007. Members of
27 the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

28 (d) Members of the commission attending regular or special meetings
29 or subcommittee meetings authorized by the commission, shall be paid
30 amounts for expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in subsection
31 (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

32 (e) The commission may meet at any time and at any place within
33 the state on the call of the chairperson as authorized by the legislative
34 coordinating council. A quorum of the commission shall be five members.
35 All actions of the commission shall be by motion adopted by a majority
36 of those voting members present when there is a quorum.

37 (f) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the
38 legislative coordinating commission may provide for such professional
39 services as may be requested by the commission.

40 (g) The staff of the office of the revisor of statutes, the legislative
41 research department and the division of legislative administrative services
42 shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the commission.
43 Upon request of the commission, the state board of education and the

1 center for innovative school leadership established pursuant to K.S.A.
2 2006 Supp. 76-767, and amendments thereto, shall provide consultants
3 and assistance when requested by the commission. In addition and upon
4 the request of the commission, the state board of regents, postsecondary
5 educational institutions, the state board of education and school districts
6 shall provide any information and supporting documentation related
7 thereto.

8 Sec. 2. (a) The ESOL commission shall:

9 (1) Conduct studies to determine the current and future need for
10 teachers who are prepared to teach English language learners;

11 (2) conduct hearings and receive and consider suggestions from
12 teachers and other school district officials, postsecondary educational in-
13 stitutions, the state board of regents and the state department of educa-
14 tion on whether the current teacher education programs should be re-
15 configured so that they include more coursework to prepare all beginning
16 teachers to work with English language learners;

17 (3) conduct other studies, as directed by the legislative coordinating
18 council, relating to the need for and preparation of teachers to be pre-
19 pared to work with English language learners; and

20 (4) make and submit, on or before October 1, 2007, a report on its
21 activities to the 2010 commission and the governor; and, on or before
22 October 1, 2008, make and submit its final report, including its recom-
23 mendations, to the 2010 commission and the governor.

24 Sec. 3. The provisions of this act shall expire on December 31, 2008.

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