

HOUSE BILL No. 2223

By Committee on Education

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9 AN ACT concerning school districts; concerning grants for the payment
10 of costs relating to attaining endorsement as an ESOL teacher.

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

13 Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

14 (1) "ESOL" means English for speakers of other languages.

15 (2) "Direct costs" means the costs of books, fees, tuition or other
16 charges for courses necessary to attain full endorsement as an ESOL
17 teacher.

18 (b) The board of education of any school district may reimburse any
19 teacher employed by the school district for the direct costs incurred by
20 such teacher in attaining full endorsement as an ESOL teacher.

21 (c) Subject to the limitations of appropriations therefor, each school
22 year any school district which has reimbursed teachers as authorized by
23 subsection (b) is eligible to receive a grant of state moneys in an amount
24 to be determined by the state board.

25 (d) In order to be eligible for a grant under this section, the board of
26 education of the school district shall submit to the state board an appli-
27 cation for a grant and shall certify the amount expended on such reim-
28 bursements. The application and certification shall be prepared in such
29 form and manner as required by the state board and shall be submitted
30 at a time to be determined and specified by the state board.

31 (e) Each school district which is awarded a grant under this section
32 shall make such periodic and special reports to the state board as it may
33 request.

34 (f) All moneys received by a school district under authority of this
35 section shall be deposited in the general fund of the school district and
36 shall be considered reimbursement of the district for the purpose of the
37 school district finance and quality performance act. To the extent that
38 grant moneys have been awarded to the district, the board of education
39 of any district which has been awarded a grant pursuant to this section
40 shall reimburse teachers employed by the school district for the direct
41 costs incurred by such teacher in attaining full endorsement as an ESOL
42 teacher.

43 (g) The state board shall establish standards and criteria for review-

1 ing, evaluating and approving applications for grants submitted pursuant
2 to this section. All grants shall be awarded by the state board in accord-
3 ance with the standards and criteria established by the state board. The
4 state board shall approve applications of school districts for grants, de-
5 termine the amount of grants and be responsible for payment of grants
6 to school districts. When awarding grants pursuant to this section, the
7 state board shall give priority to those districts with the greatest need for
8 teachers with an ESOL endorsement. If the amount of appropriations for
9 the payment of grants under this section is insufficient to pay in full the
10 amount each school district is determined to be eligible to receive for the
11 school year, the state board shall prorate the amount appropriated among
12 all school districts which are eligible to receive grants of state moneys in
13 proportion to the amount each school district is determined to be eligible
14 to receive.

15 (h) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting districts
16 from reimbursing teachers for such direct costs from other moneys of the
17 district.

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