

HOUSE BILL No. 2607

By Legislative Educational Planning Committee

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9 AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to healthy weight education
10 programs.

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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, “healthy weight education pro-
14 gram” or “program” means a program established and maintained by the
15 board of education of a school district for the purpose of providing middle
16 school students education on issues relating to obesity and excess body
17 weight, the health consequences of obesity and excess body weight, the
18 benefits of maintaining a healthy body weight, prevention and interven-
19 tion efforts to improve student health by reducing the risks associated
20 with obesity and excess body weight and providing teacher education
21 relating to such program.

22 (b) The board of education of each school district may establish and
23 maintain a healthy weight education program and, commencing with
24 school year 2008-2009, may apply for a grant of state moneys for the
25 purpose of providing funding for such program.

26 (c) To be eligible to receive a grant of state moneys for the mainte-
27 nance of a healthy weight education program, a board of education shall
28 submit to the state board of education an application for a grant and a
29 description of the program. The application and description shall be pre-
30 pared in such form and manner required by the state board and shall be
31 submitted at a time to be determined and specified by the state board.
32 Approval by the state board of the program and the application is pre-
33 requisite to the award of a grant.

34 (d) Each board of education which is awarded a grant for mainte-
35 nance of a healthy weight education program shall make such periodic
36 and special reports of information to the state board of education as it
37 may request.

38 (e) The state board of education may adopt rules and regulations for
39 the administration of healthy weight education programs and shall:

40 (1) Establish standards and criteria for evaluating and approving pro-
41 grams and applications of school districts for grants;

42 (2) evaluate and approve programs;

43 (3) be responsible for awarding grants to school districts;

- 1 (4) provide any board of education, upon request, with technical ad-
2 vice and assistance regarding the establishment and maintenance of a
3 healthy weight education program or an application for a grant of state
4 moneys;
- 5 (5) request of and receive from each school district which is awarded
6 a grant for maintenance of a program reports containing information with
7 regard to the effectiveness of the program; and
- 8 (6) adopt any rules and regulations necessary for the implementation
9 of this section.
- 10 (f) Subject to the availability of appropriations for healthy weight ed-
11 ucation programs maintained by school districts, and within the limits of
12 any such appropriations, the state board of education shall determine the
13 amount of grants to be awarded to school districts. When determining
14 the amount to be awarded to a school district, the state board shall give
15 consideration to the number of pupils enrolled in the school district.
16 Upon receipt of a grant of state moneys for the maintenance of a healthy
17 weight education program, the amount of the grant shall be deposited in
18 the general fund of the school district. Moneys deposited in the general
19 fund of a school district under this subsection shall be considered reim-
20 bursements for the purpose of the school district finance and quality
21 performance act.
- 22 (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed as precluding school
23 districts from including students who are not obese or who do not exceed
24 a healthy body weight in the healthy weight education program of the
25 district.
- 26 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
27 publication in the statute book.