

As Amended by Senate Committee

Session of 2008

SENATE BILL No. 527

By Committee on Education

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10 AN ACT concerning early childhood education; relating to parent edu-
11 cation programs and early head start; amending K.S.A. 72-3603 and
12 repealing the existing section.
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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 Section 1. K.S.A. 72-3603 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
16 3603. As used in this act:

17 (a) "Board" means the board of education of any school district.

18 (b) "School district" means any public school district organized and
19 operating under the laws of this state.

20 (c) "Parent education program" means a program developed and op-
21 erated by a board for the purpose of providing expectant parents and
22 parents of infants or toddlers or both with information, advice, assistance,
23 resource materials, guidance and learning experiences regarding such
24 measures as parenting skills and the various styles of parenting, the proc-
25 esses and principles of growth and development of children, home learn-
26 ing activities designed for infants and toddlers, techniques emphasizing a
27 positive approach to discipline, effective methods of communicating and
28 interacting with children so as to foster the development of self-esteem,
29 strategies for structuring behavioral limits and increasing mutual positive
30 regard, and other elements of effective parenting that are conducive to
31 the structuring of a home environment in which children are encouraged
32 to be successful and productive learners.

33 (d) "Infant" and "toddler" ~~mean a child who has not attained the age~~
34 ~~of three years~~ *means any child under the age of eligibility for school*
35 *attendance.*

36 (e) "State board" means the state board of education.

37 ~~New Sec. 2. (a) Notwithstanding any state or federal law to the con-~~
38 ~~trary, any child under the age of three years regardless of the income-~~
39 ~~level of the child's family shall be eligible to receive services under the~~
40 ~~early head start program.~~

41 ~~(b) Notwithstanding any state or federal law to the contrary, any preg-~~
42 ~~nant woman shall be eligible to receive services which promote healthy~~
43 ~~prenatal outcomes under the early head start program regardless of the~~

1 ~~income level of the woman's family.~~

2 Sec. ~~2~~. K.S.A. 72-3603 is hereby repealed.

3 Sec. ~~3~~. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
4 publication in the statute book.