

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben Vidricksen at 9:05 a.m. on March 17, 1998 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Marian Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Gene Johnson, Kansas Community Alcohol Safety Action Project Coordinates Association, provided members recent information on under age drinking (Attachment 1).

HB 2894: Duties of kansas tourist attraction evaluation committee.

No conferees were present. Staff Revisor explained the bill which came out of a recommendation by Kansas Inc. from a study done this past summer. The bill was requested and supported by the Director of Travel and Tourism and Film Services. The original bill was amended in the House to shift the duties, other than that of advising local tourist attractions, to the Kansas Tourism Council. It now will require the Secretary of Commerce and Housing to revise rules and regulations to conform to the change. The Council would have authority to expend the matching grant fund with final approval by the Secretary of Commerce and Housing. The Council could over ride the Secretary's veto by a two-third majority.

Senator Jordan advised this bill is an attempt to put a little more authority into the Council on Travel and Tourism. He proposed one amendment on page 3, line 40 of the bill, and other places necessary to have conformity with this language, to allow appointment of a committee of five from the council, with four voting and one ex-officio, to review grant applications and make recommendations back to the full 17 member council. He felt that a 17 member review board was unwieldy. The chair of the Council would appoint the review panel. All Council members are appointed by the Governor. Senator Harrington moved to adopt the amendment. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The second amendment proposed by Senator Jordan deals with HB-2791 which has not yet moved in the House. We now have the Grant Program and a Council to deal with it, but there are no funds in the grant program. HB 2791 sets up a plan whereby EDIF funds would be used. This bill would allow 25% of the overage to go to the Tourism Grant Program. These funds would be used for tourist attraction grants, for marketing and project development. Everything would be subject to legislative appropriations. This would greatly benefit smaller rural communities. Discussed limiting usage of the grant program. It was suggested that both project and marketing funds are needed and the best place for that decision to be made is by the Secretary of Commerce and the Council. They can develop rules and regulations to disburse the funds and perhaps the legislature should not attempt to "micro-manage" the program. At this time Commerce is waiting approximately nine months to process grant applications. This seems rather excessive. This bill results from the consultants report that has just been completed and is an attempt to respond to the "nitch" marketing program. Senator Harrington moved to adopt the amendment. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Goodwin moved to adopt a technical amendment to change dates to 1998. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Jordan moved to report the bill favorable for passage as amended. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes - approval of.

Senator Jordan moved to approve minutes of the meeting of February 17, 1998. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 1998.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM
COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: MARCH 17, 1998

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Senator Ben Vidricksen
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Re: Under Age Drinking

Senator Ben Vidricksen,

I requested and received some statistics from the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Section of Social and Rehabilitation Services on under age drinking. ADAS forwarded me the following information from a survey conducted by the staff of Kansas Communities That Care.

Our organization feels that this information may be of some assistance to your committee in the future when considering the problem of underage drinking and driving privileges.

Respectfully,


Gene Johnson

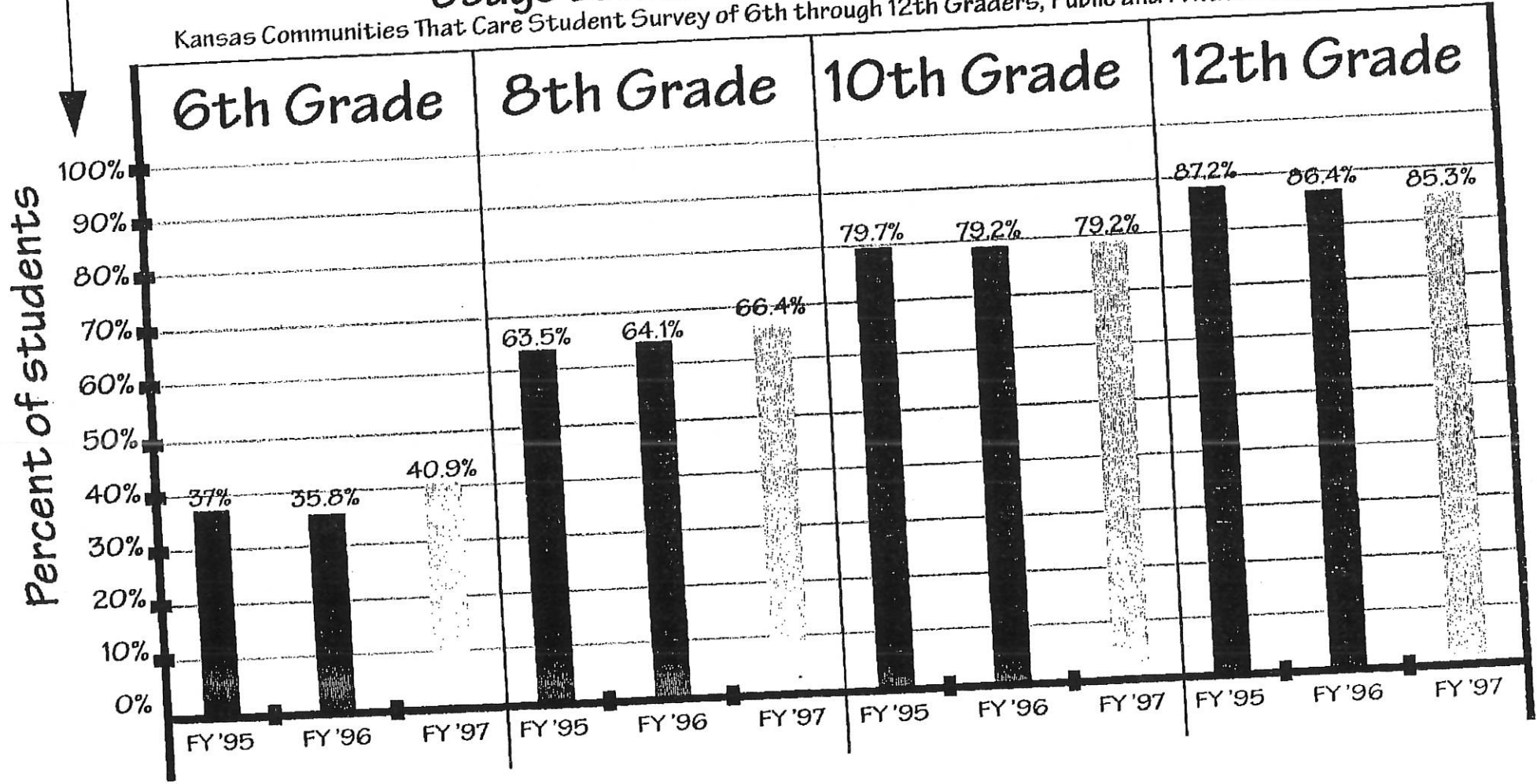
Kansas Community Alcohol Safety Action Project Coordinates Assoc.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION & TOURISM
COMMITTEE -DATE: 3-17-98
ATTACHMENT: #1

Percentage of 6, 8, 10, and 12th graders who indicate that they have drank beer, wine, or hard liquor at least once in their lifetime.

Usage Levels of Alcohol by Students

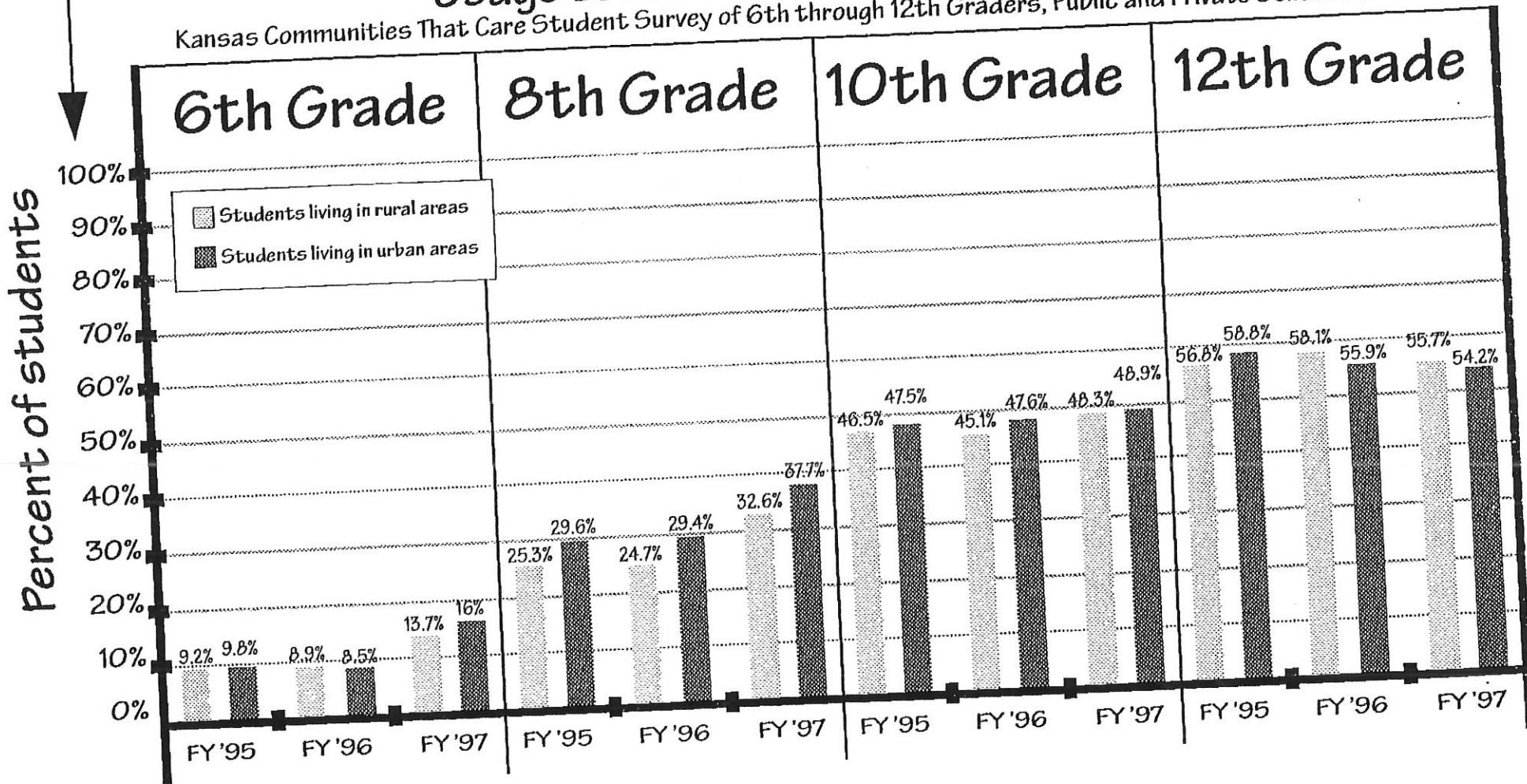
Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey of 6th through 12th Graders, Public and Private School Students



Percentage of 6, 8, 10, and 12th graders who indicate that they have drunk beer, wine, or hard liquor at least once in the last 30 days.

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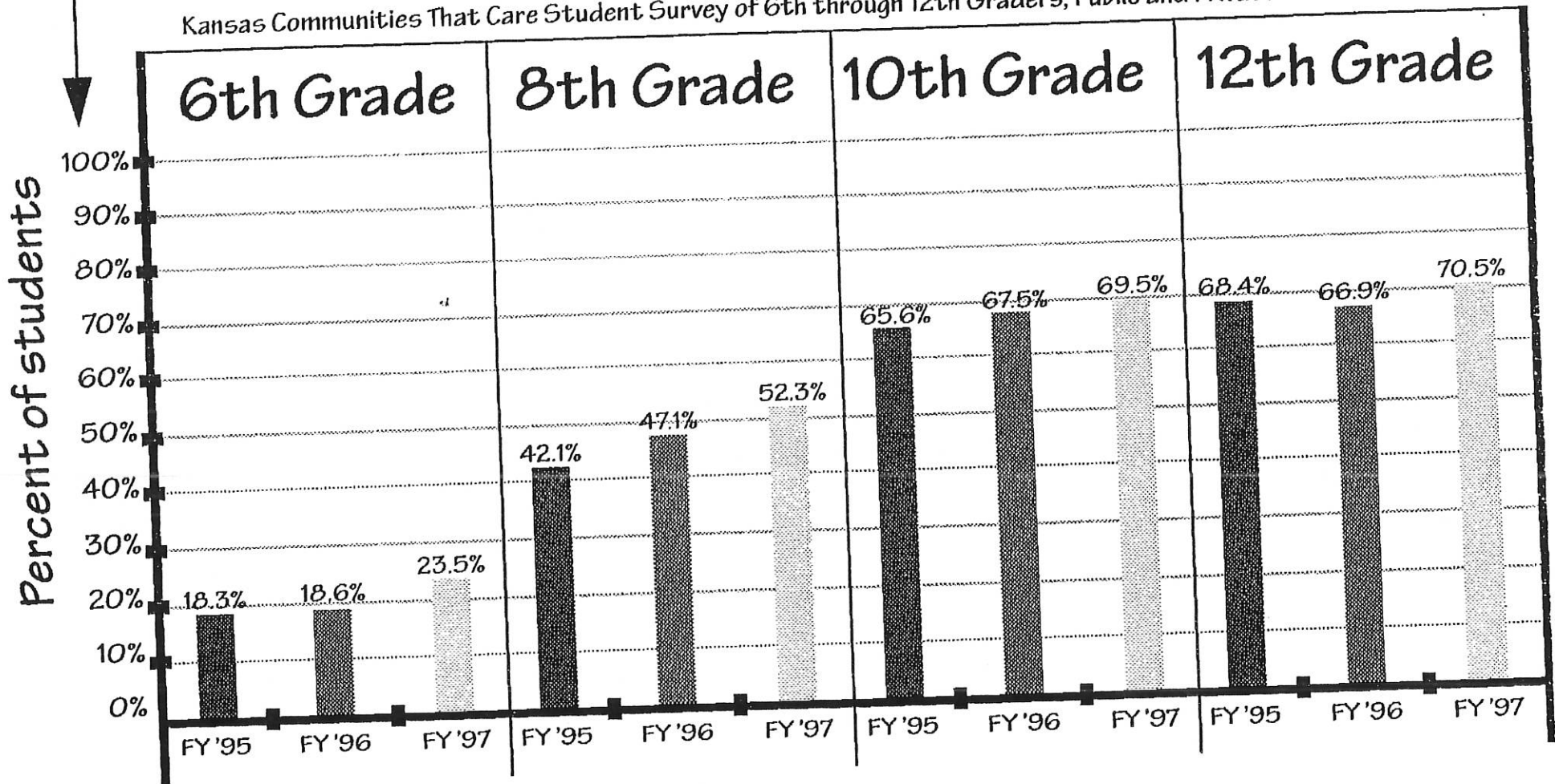


Percentage of 6, 8, 10, and 12th graders who indicate they would be seen as cool if they began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly.

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Perceived Peer Acceptability of Alcohol Use

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Percentage of 6, 8, 10, and 12th graders who indicate that in the last two weeks they have had 5 or more alcoholic drinks in a row.

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