

HOUSE BILL No. 2397

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Requested by Representative Bryce on behalf of Representative W. Carpenter

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1 AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; increasing state financial
2 assistance to local health departments under certain circumstances;
3 amending K.S.A. 65-242 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-242 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
7 242. For the purpose of ~~insuring~~ *ensuring* that adequate public health
8 services are available to all inhabitants of the state of Kansas, the state
9 shall assist in the financing of the operation of local health departments.
10 Subject to appropriations therefor, state financial assistance shall be
11 distributed to local health departments as follows:

12 (a) First, each local health department shall, upon application
13 therefor, receive ~~\$7,000~~ *\$12,000*. If sufficient funds are not available to
14 make this distribution, then the funds ~~which~~ *that* are available shall be
15 divided equally among those local health departments making application
16 therefor.

17 (b) Second, if any funds are available after the distribution required in
18 subsection (a), the secretary shall distribute such funds as follows:

19 (1) A figure equal to the total amount of state financial assistance
20 available for distribution, before deduction for the distribution in
21 subsection (a), shall be determined.

22 (2) The figure determined in paragraph (1) ~~of this subsection~~ shall be
23 allocated to local health departments making application for assistance
24 based on the proportion that the population of the county or counties
25 comprising the local health department applying for such assistance bears
26 to the total population of all counties comprising local health departments
27 ~~which~~ *that* have applied for such financial assistance.

28 (3) If any local health department making application for assistance
29 ~~would receive~~ *receives* an amount equal to or less than ~~\$7,000~~ *\$12,000*
30 using the formula in paragraph (2) ~~of this subsection~~, then such department
31 shall be paid in accordance with subsection (a) ~~only~~. If any local health
32 department making application for assistance ~~would receive~~ *receives* more
33 than ~~\$7,000~~ *\$12,000* using the formula in paragraph (2) ~~of this subsection~~,
34 then such department shall be paid based on the proportion that the
35 population served by the county or counties comprising such local health

1 department bears to the total population of all counties comprising local
2 health departments—~~which~~ *that* have made application for assistance,
3 except for departments receiving funds under subsection (a), except that in
4 no case shall the assistance distributed under this subsection—~~(b)~~ to a local
5 health department exceed the amount that the local health department
6 receives from local tax revenues for the county fiscal year in which the
7 state financial assistance is paid.

8 (c) If local tax revenues allotted to a local health department for a
9 fiscal year fall below the level of local tax revenues allotted to the local
10 health department for the preceding fiscal year, the amount of state
11 financial assistance under this act for which such local health department
12 is eligible for the fiscal year shall be reduced by a percentage equal to the
13 percentage of reduction in local tax revenue for that fiscal year.

14 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-242 is hereby repealed.

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