

## HOUSE BILL No. 2415

By Representative McDonald

12-18

1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; requiring each  
2 local board of education of a school district to appoint one or more  
3 nonvoting student representatives to such board of education.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the  
7 Kansas youth voice act.

8 (b) The board of education of each school district shall appoint not  
9 fewer than one student representative to serve in an advisory capacity on  
10 such board. A student representative shall be a student enrolled in and  
11 attending any of the grades 10 through 12 at a school of the school district.

12 (c) A student representative shall be authorized to:

13 (1) Attend all open meetings of the board and receive all documents  
14 and materials relating thereto; and

15 (2) express opinions and advocate.

16 (d) A student representative shall not:

17 (1) Vote on matters considered by the board;

18 (2) attend closed or executive meetings of the board or receive any  
19 documents or materials relating thereto; or

20 (3) receive any compensation for the work and duties performed by  
21 the student representative.

22 (e) On or before August 1, 2026, the board of education of each  
23 school district shall appoint a student representative to serve for a term that  
24 ends on July 1, 2027. Thereafter, the board of education of each school  
25 district shall appoint a student representative to serve a term of one year. In  
26 case of a vacancy of a student representative position, the board of  
27 education of a school district shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy  
28 for the unexpired term. A student may be appointed to serve as a student  
29 representative for not more than a total of two terms, not including any  
30 partial term in which a student was appointed to fill a vacancy.

31 (f) The board of education of each school district shall establish an  
32 application process to select and appoint a student representative pursuant  
33 to this section. A student who seeks to serve as a student representative  
34 shall submit an application on a form and in the manner prescribed by the  
35 board.

36 (g) The board of education of each school district shall establish an

- 1 orientation process for new student representatives. Such orientation  
2 process shall require the board of education to:
- 3 (1) Assign a board member to be the primary point of contact and act  
4 as a liaison between the student representative and the board;
  - 5 (2) include the student representative in appropriate board trainings  
6 and events; and
  - 7 (3) provide an overview on the history of the board, a summary of the  
8 typical meeting process, a summary of the actions that the board takes and  
9 information on how communications will be sent to the student  
10 representative.
- 11 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
12 publication in the statute book.