

SENATE BILL No. 45

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to virtual schools; excluding
2 students who transfer to homeschooling or nonaccredited private
3 schools from the alternative calculation of graduation rates for virtual
4 schools; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 72-3713 and repealing the
5 existing section.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 72-3713 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows: 72-3713. (a) Virtual schools shall be under the general
10 supervision of the state board. The state board may adopt any rules and
11 regulations relating to virtual schools that the state board deems necessary
12 to administer and enforce the virtual school act.

13 (b) (1) For purposes of accreditation by the state board, the four-year
14 adjusted cohort graduation rate for a virtual school shall be determined by:

15 (A) Only including those students enrolled in such virtual school who
16 had earned sufficient credits to be expected to graduate in the same school
17 year as such student's cohort at the time such student first enrolled in such
18 virtual school; and

19 (B) *excluding those students who were enrolled in such virtual school*
20 *but transferred to homeschooling or a nonaccredited private school in*
21 *Kansas or another state.*

22 (2) The virtual school's four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate shall
23 be determined in addition to the graduation rates determined for the school
24 district that operates the virtual school and any other high schools operated
25 by the school district.

26 (c) No virtual school shall offer or provide any financial incentive for
27 a student to enroll in a virtual school.

28 (d) As used in this section, "financial incentive" means any monetary
29 payment or award that is intended to encourage, entice or motivate a
30 student to enroll in a virtual school.

31 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 72-3713 is hereby repealed.

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