

**Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 45**

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to graduation rate determinations;  
2 requiring the state board of education to calculate graduation rates for  
3 purposes of accreditation using an alternative calculation for all school  
4 districts; 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 New Section 1. For purposes of accreditation by the state board, the  
9 four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate for each school district and any  
10 schools operated by such school district, including any virtual school, shall  
11 be determined by:

12 (a) Only including students enrolled in such school or school district  
13 who had earned sufficient credits to be expected to graduate in the same  
14 school year as such student's cohort at the time that such student first  
15 enrolled in such school; and

16 (b) excluding students who were enrolled in such school but  
17 subsequently transferred to a nonaccredited private school in Kansas or  
18 another state.

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 72-3713 is hereby amended to read as  
20 follows: 72-3713. (a) Virtual schools shall be under the general  
21 supervision of the state board. The state board may adopt any rules and  
22 regulations relating to virtual schools that the state board deems necessary  
23 to administer and enforce the virtual school act.

24 ~~(b) For purposes of accreditation by the state board, the four-year~~  
25 ~~adjusted cohort graduation rate for a virtual school shall be determined by~~  
26 ~~only including those students enrolled in such virtual school who had~~  
27 ~~earned sufficient credits to be expected to graduate in the same school year~~  
28 ~~as such student's cohort at the time such student first enrolled in such~~  
29 ~~virtual school. The virtual school's four-year adjusted cohort graduation~~  
30 ~~rate shall be determined in addition to the graduation rates determined for~~  
31 ~~the school district that operates the virtual school and any other high~~  
32 ~~schools operated by the school district.~~

33 (e) No virtual school shall offer or provide any financial incentive for  
34 a student to enroll in a virtual school.

35 ~~(d)~~(c) As used in this section, "financial incentive" means any  
36 monetary payment or award that is intended to encourage, entice or

1 motivate a student to enroll in a virtual school.

2 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 72-3713 is hereby repealed.

3 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

4 publication in the statute book.