

SENATE BILL No. 544

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning the legislature; relating to bills; requiring legislators
2 who request certain curriculum or school finance bills to volunteer at a
3 public school or consult with a team of teaching professionals;
4 prohibiting certain legislators from requesting bills that divert state
5 moneys from public schools to private schools.

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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the
9 legislator empowerment and protection program.

10 (b) (1) Prior to requesting a bill for introduction that would impact
11 public school curriculum or the provision of finance for public schools, a
12 legislator desiring to make such request shall either:

13 (A) Volunteer for a week in a public school in this state; or

14 (B) consult with a team of at least six teaching professionals
15 designated by the state board of education.

16 (2) Upon completion of the requirement of paragraph (1), a legislator
17 may request the introduction of a bill that would impact public school
18 curriculum or the provision of finance for public schools.

19 (c) To protect legislators from a conflict of interest, a legislator who
20 is the parent of a minor child enrolled in a nonpublic school, including a
21 home school, shall not request for introduction any bill that would divert
22 state moneys from public schools to nonpublic schools.

23 (d) This section does not apply to bills requested for introduction by a
24 state agency and approved for introduction by a legislative committee or
25 committee members.

26 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
27 publication in the statute book.