

HOUSE BILL No. 2703

By Committee on Education

Requested by Representative Estes

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1 AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to at-risk programs and
2 services; including placement in the custody of the secretary for
3 children and families as a criteria for eligibility for such programs and
4 services; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-5153a 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. 2023 Supp. 72-5153a is hereby amended to read as
9 follows: 72-5153a. (a) To assist students identified as eligible to receive at-
10 risk educational programs and services in meeting state board of education
11 outcome goals, the state board of education shall require school districts to
12 implement at-risk educational programs and services that provide
13 additional educational opportunities, interventions and evidence-based
14 instruction using the at-risk best practices identified pursuant to K.S.A. 72-
15 5153, and amendments thereto.

16 (b) A student shall be identified as eligible to receive at-risk programs
17 and services if the student meets one or more of the following criteria:

- 18 (1) Is not working on academic grade level;
- 19 (2) is not meeting the requirements necessary for promotion to the
20 next grade or is failing subjects or courses of study;
- 21 (3) is not meeting the requirements necessary for graduation from
22 high school or has the potential to drop out of school;
- 23 (4) has insufficient mastery of skills or is not meeting state standards;
- 24 (5) has been retained;
- 25 (6) has a high rate of absenteeism;
- 26 (7) has repeated suspensions or expulsions from school;
- 27 (8) is homeless or migrant;
- 28 (9) is identified as an English language learner;
- 29 (10) has social-emotional needs that cause the student to be
30 unsuccessful in school; ~~or~~
- 31 (11) is identified as a student with dyslexia or characteristics of
32 dyslexia; *or*
- 33 (12) *is in the custody of the secretary for children and families.*

34 (c) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas
35 school equity and enhancement act.

- 1 ~~(d) This section shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1,~~
- 2 ~~2021.~~
- 3 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-5153a is hereby repealed.
- 4 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 5 publication in the statute book.