

**HOUSE BILL No. 2024**

By Committee on Vision 2020

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1 AN ACT creating the constitutional education suitability commission.

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

4 Section 1. (a) There is hereby created the constitutional education  
5 suitability commission.

6 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members, who  
7 shall be appointed by the governor:

8 (1) Three members who shall be employed as teachers by a unified  
9 school district;

10 (2) three members who shall be employed as administrators by a  
11 unified school district;

12 (3) three members who shall be the parent or legal guardian of a  
13 minor who is a student enrolled in a unified school district;

14 (4) three members who shall be employed by a postsecondary  
15 educational institution, as that term is defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and  
16 amendments thereto;

17 (5) two members who shall be engaged by private businesses in the  
18 hiring of employees;

19 (6) one member who shall be employed by a private postsecondary  
20 educational institution, as that term is defined in K.S.A. 74-32,163, and  
21 amendments thereto;

22 (7) one member who shall be a member of the United States military  
23 service, any of the United States military reserve forces or the Kansas  
24 national guard;

25 (8) one member who shall be employed by the state board of  
26 education; and

27 (9) one member who shall be a member of a labor union and  
28 employed in the field of job training.

29 (c) The governor shall appoint the chairperson of the commission.  
30 The members shall elect such other officers from among its members  
31 necessary to discharge the duties of the commission.

32 (d) The commission shall:

33 (1) Identify and make recommendations on the curriculum  
34 components that are required to be funded by the legislature pursuant to  
35 article 6 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, such curriculum  
36 components shall be sensitive to a student's age, grade and ability;

1 (2) make recommendations as to whether specific extra curricular  
2 activities should be included in the curriculum components identified in  
3 paragraph (1);

4 (3) provide specific justifications for all curriculum components  
5 identified in paragraph (1);

6 (4) make specific recommendations regarding the role of distance  
7 education and other technologies to help the state meet the requirements  
8 of article 6 of the constitution of the state of Kansas;

9 (5) make recommendations on how the state can best meet the  
10 requirements of article 6 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, with  
11 particular emphasis on ensuring that all students have an equal  
12 opportunity to learn and succeed based on the student's capabilities;

13 (6) make recommendations as to amendments to the school district  
14 finance and quality performance act, K.S.A. 72-6405 et seq., and  
15 amendments thereto, that would maximize the state's financial  
16 contributions to student learning opportunities, and the ability of teachers  
17 and in-class support staff to assist students in the learning process; and

18 (7) recognize and take into consideration when making its  
19 recommendations that whether high school graduates pursue  
20 postsecondary education opportunities or immediate employment  
21 opportunities, all students need a sound academic foundation with  
22 appropriate life skills training.

23 (e) Each member of the commission identified in subsection (b)(3)  
24 shall receive compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other  
25 expenses as provided for in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.  
26 All other members of the commission shall not be paid any additional  
27 compensation, allowance or reimbursement other than what is agreed  
28 upon between such member and such member's employer.

29 (f) The commission shall prepare and submit to the legislature a  
30 final report, including all recommendations, on or before December 1,  
31 2012.

32 (g) The staff of the state board of education and the state board of  
33 regents shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the  
34 commission.

35 (h) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2013.

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