

72-1925. Public innovative districts; request for approval. (a) Until such time as two or more public innovative districts have been granted authority to operate as public innovative districts pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 72-1923, and amendments thereto, any board of education of a school district desiring to operate as a public innovative district shall submit a request for approval to operate as a public innovative district to the governor, the chairperson of the senate committee on education and the chairperson of the house of representatives committee on education and have such request approved by a majority of the three persons prior to submitting an application to the state board under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 72-1923, and amendments thereto. The request for approval shall include such information as is required to be included on an application for authority to operate as a public innovative district under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 72-1923, and amendments thereto.

(b) Upon the approval of the first two public innovative districts, the board of education of a school district desiring to operate as a public innovative district shall submit a request for approval to operate as a public innovative district to the coalition board and have such request approved by the coalition board prior to submitting any application to the state board under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 72-1923, and amendments thereto. The coalition board, in its sole discretion, shall approve or deny the request. As part of its review of such request, the coalition board may make recommendations to the requesting school district to modify the request, and may consider any such modifications prior to making a final decision.

(c) The request for approval required by subsection (b) shall include such information as is required to be included on an application for authority to operate as a public innovative district under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 72-1923, and amendments thereto. Copies of the request for approval shall be submitted to each public innovative district that is a member of the coalition. Within 30 days after receipt of the request for approval by the last member to receive such request, the coalition board shall meet to approve or deny the request. Notification of the approval or denial of a request shall be sent to the board of education of the requesting school district within 10 days after such decision. If the request is denied, the notification shall specify the reasons therefor. Within 30 days from the date a notification of denial is sent, the board of education of the requesting school district may submit a request to the coalition board for reconsideration of the request for approval and may submit an amended request for approval with the request for reconsideration. The coalition board shall act on the request for reconsideration within 30 days of receipt of such request.

(d) (1) Except as provided by paragraph (2) of this subsection, no more than 10% of the school districts in the state shall operate as public innovative districts at any one time. Any request for approval submitted at such time shall be denied by the coalition board.

(2) An amount in excess of 10% but not to exceed 20% of school districts in the state may operate as public innovative districts if such school district operates a school within its district which is deemed to be either a title I focus school or a title I priority school as described by the state board under the elementary and secondary education act flexibility waiver, as amended in January of 2013. Any request for approval under this paragraph shall be reviewed by the coalition board for approval.

History: L. 2013, ch. 116, § 5; L. 2014, ch. 93, § 34; May 1.