

SENATE BILL No. 450

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

3-20

1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to school finance; transportation
2 weighting calculation; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 72-5148 and
3 repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 72-5148 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 72-5148. (a) (1) The transportation weighting of each school
8 district shall be determined by the state board as follows:

9 (1) Determine the total expenditures of the school district during the
10 preceding school year from all funds for transporting students of public
11 and nonpublic schools on regular school routes;

12 (2) Determine the sum of: (A) The number of students who were
13 included in the enrollment of the school district in the preceding school
14 year who resided less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles by the usually traveled road from the
15 school building such students attended and for whom transportation was
16 made available by the school district; and (B) the number of nonresident
17 students who were included in the enrollment of the school district for the
18 preceding school year and for whom transportation was made available by
19 the school district;

20 (3) Determine the number of students who were included in the
21 enrollment of the district in the preceding school year who resided $2\frac{1}{2}$
22 miles or more by the usually traveled road from the school building such
23 students attended and for whom transportation was made available by the
24 school district;

25 (4) Multiply the number of students determined under subsection (a)
26 (3) by 2.8;

27 (5) Divide the amount determined under subsection (a)(2) by the
28 product obtained under subsection (a)(4);

29 (6) Add one to the quotient obtained under subsection (a)(5);

30 (7) Multiply the sum obtained under subsection (a)(6) by the amount
31 determined under subsection (a)(3);

32 (8) Divide the amount determined under subsection (a)(1) by the
33 product obtained under subsection (a)(7). The resulting quotient is the per-
34 student cost of transportation;

35 (9) On a density-cost graph, plot the per-student cost of transportation
36 for each school district;

1 (b) For the purpose of providing accurate and reliable data on student
2 transportation, the state board is authorized to adopt rules and regulations
3 prescribing procedures that school districts shall follow in reporting
4 pertinent information, including uniform reporting of expenditures for
5 transportation.

6 (d)(c) As used in this section:

7 (1) "~~Curve of best fit~~" means the curve on a density-cost graph drawn
8 so the sum of the distances squared from such line to each of the points
9 plotted on the graph is the least possible.

10 (2) "~~Density-cost graph~~" means a drawing having: (A) A horizontal or
11 base line divided into equal intervals of density, beginning with zero on the
12 left; and (B) a scale for per student cost of transportation to be shown on a
13 line perpendicular to the base line at the left end thereof, such scale to
14 begin with zero dollars at the base line ascending by equal per student cost
15 intervals.

16 (3) "~~Index of density~~" means the number of students who are
17 included in the enrollment of a school district in the current school year,
18 are residing the designated distance or more by the usually traveled road
19 from the school building they attend, and for whom transportation is being
20 made available on regular school routes by the school district, divided by
21 the number of square miles of territory in the school district.

22 (1) "~~Density figure~~" means the area of the school district in square
23 miles divided by the number of transported students.

24 (2) "~~Transported students~~" means the number of students who were
25 included in the enrollment of the school district in the preceding year who
26 resided 2 1/2 miles or more by the usually traveled road from the school
27 building such students attended and for whom transportation was made
28 available.

29 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 72-5148 is hereby repealed.

30 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
31 publication in the statute book.

(d) The state board of education shall adopt a uniform policy or rule and regulation that provides the method and electronic service resource school districts shall use to calculate whether a student resides 2½ miles or more by the usually traveled road from the school building such student attends and for whom transportation was made available.