

Session of 2018

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 2¹/₂ 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 2¹/₂~~
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.

(d) ~~(d)(e)~~ 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.

(1) For school years 2018-2019 through 2020-2021, the transportation weighting of the school district shall be either the quotient determined under subsection (a)(1)(E), or that portion of such school district's general state aid for school year 2016-2017 that was attributable to the school district's transportation weighting, whichever is greater.

(2) For school year 2021-2022, and each school year thereafter, the transportation weighting of the school district shall be the quotient determined under subsection (a)(1)(E).

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