

HOUSE BILL No. 2690

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning school districts; creating the Kansas school financial
2 transparency act.

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

5 Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the
6 Kansas school financial transparency act.

7 (b) As used in this section:

8 (1) "Department" means the Kansas state department of education.

9 (2) "School" means any attendance center, charter school, virtual
10 school, virtual school program and any other school or educational
11 program that is considered distinct from the other schools in the school
12 district. The term "school" shall not refer to any particular school building
13 or school site, and to this end, more than one school may be located within
14 a single building.

15 (3) "State board" means the state board of education.

16 (c) On or before January 15, 2021, and each January 15 thereafter, the
17 department shall prepare and submit a report on the expenditures and
18 revenues per student for each school. All expenditures of a school district
19 shall be allocated to the schools operated within such district. The report
20 shall include:

21 (1) Total expenditures per student;

22 (2) total revenues per student and revenues per student from federal,
23 state and local sources;

24 (3) revenues per student from state and local sources as a percentage
25 of the total revenue for the school;

26 (4) total expenditures per student as a percentage of total revenues per
27 student; and

28 (5) student learning outcomes, including outcomes for all students
29 and for each subgroup of students.

30 (d) (1) Each school year, the state board shall determine the school
31 financial efficiency rating for each school using a rating system developed
32 by the state board. The efficiency rating shall be based on the reported
33 expenditures per student and the student learning outcomes for the school,
34 such that a high rating indicates low expenditures per student and high
35 student learning outcomes, while a low rating indicates high expenditures
36 per student and low student learning outcomes.

1 (2) In determining the school financial efficiency rating, the state
2 board shall use the expenditures per student reported under subsection (c).
3 Student learning outcomes shall be determined based on the statewide
4 assessments in math and reading.

5 (3) Each school district shall publish a school's financial efficiency
6 rating in a prominent position on the homepage of the district's internet
7 website and on the homepage of the school's internet website, if any.

8 (e) The state board shall identify not less than 10 specific school
9 expenditures that the state board deems useful for the purposes of
10 benchmarking and comparison among schools. In identifying such
11 expenditures, the state board shall consider: (1) The extent to which the
12 expenditure has a significant impact on student learning; (2) the extent to
13 which comparisons of such expenditures will produce useful information;
14 and (3) the effort required to accurately and uniformly report such
15 expenditures. Each year, the state board shall review and may modify the
16 list of expenditures identified pursuant to this subsection.

17 (f) The department shall make all information reported pursuant to
18 this section and all student demographic information collected for each
19 school available to the public in an easily accessible electronic format.

20 (g) The state board shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to
21 implement the provisions of this section. The uniform reporting system
22 developed pursuant to K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 72-1167, and amendments
23 thereto, may be used by the state board for purposes of reporting
24 expenditures and revenues as required by this section.

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