

## HOUSE BILL No. 2546

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1 AN ACT concerning schools; relating to statewide assessments; pertaining  
2 to nonpublic schools accredited by the state board of education;  
3 amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 72-6439 and repealing the existing  
4 section.  
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 72-6439 is hereby amended to read as  
8 follows: 72-6439. (a) In order to accomplish the mission for Kansas  
9 education, the state board of education shall design and adopt a school  
10 performance accreditation system based upon improvement in  
11 performance that reflects high academic standards and is measurable.

12 (b) The state board shall establish curriculum standards which reflect  
13 high academic standards for the core academic areas of mathematics,  
14 science, reading, writing and social studies. The curriculum standards shall  
15 be reviewed at least every seven years. Nothing in this subsection shall be  
16 construed in any manner so as to impinge upon any district's authority to  
17 determine its own curriculum.

18 (c) (1) The state board shall provide for statewide assessments in the  
19 core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and social  
20 studies *for public and nonpublic schools accredited by the state board in*  
21 *accordance with this subsection.*

22 (A) *For public schools, the state board shall ensure compatibility*  
23 *between the statewide assessments and the curriculum standards*  
24 *established pursuant to subsection (b).*

25 (B) *For nonpublic schools, the state board shall provide for statewide*  
26 *assessments, which are identical to the statewide assessments that were*  
27 *utilized by the state board in school year 2002-2003. Such assessments for*  
28 *nonpublic schools shall be adopted by rules and regulations by the state*  
29 *board. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted prior to January 1,*  
30 *2015. The state board is hereby authorized to adopt rules and regulations*  
31 *necessary to implement this subparagraph.*

32 (C) *Public schools shall use the assessments established under*  
33 *subparagraph (A). Nonpublic schools may elect to use the assessments*  
34 *established under subparagraph (A) or use the assessments established*  
35 *under subparagraph (B).*

36 (2) ~~Such~~ *The statewide assessments for public and nonpublic schools*

1 *accredited by the state board* shall be administered at three grade levels, ~~as~~  
2 ~~determined by the board.~~ *The state board shall determine such three grade*  
3 *levels.* The state board shall determine performance levels on ~~the such~~  
4 statewide assessments, the achievement of which represents high academic  
5 standards in the academic area at the grade level to which the assessment  
6 applies. The state board should specify high academic standards both for  
7 individual performance and school performance on ~~the such~~ assessments.

8 (d) Each school in every district shall establish a school site council  
9 composed of the principal and representatives of teachers and other school  
10 personnel, parents of pupils attending the school, the business community,  
11 and other community groups. School site councils shall be responsible for  
12 providing advice and counsel in evaluating state, school district, and  
13 school site performance goals and objectives and in determining the  
14 methods that should be employed at the school site to meet these goals and  
15 objectives. Site councils may make recommendations and proposals to the  
16 school board regarding budgetary items and school district matters,  
17 including but not limited to, identifying and implementing the best  
18 practices for developing efficient and effective administrative and  
19 management functions. Site councils also may help school boards analyze  
20 the unique environment of schools, enhance the efficiency and maximize  
21 limited resources, including outsourcing arrangements and cooperative  
22 opportunities as a means to address limited budgets.

23 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 72-6439 is hereby repealed.

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