AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to local health
departments; increasing state financial assistance to such departments
under specified circumstances; amending K.S.A. 65-242 and repealing
the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 65-242 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
242. For the purpose of ensuring that adequate public health
services are available to all inhabitants of the state of Kansas, the state
shall assist in the financing of the operation of local health departments.
Subject to appropriations therefor, state financial assistance shall be
distributed to local health departments as follows:

(a) (1) First, each local health department shall, upon application
therefor, shall receive: $7,000 if the allocation of total state financial
assistance for the applicable fiscal year is less than $3,000,000; or
$15,000 if the allocation of total state financial assistance for the
applicable fiscal year is $3,000,000 or greater.

(2) If sufficient funds are not available to make this the distribution
specified in paragraph (1), then the funds which are available shall be
divided equally among those local health departments making application
therefor.

(b) Second, if any funds are available after the distribution required in
subsection (a), the secretary shall distribute such funds as follows:

(1) A figure equal to the total amount of state financial assistance
available for distribution, before deduction for the distribution in
subsection (a), shall be determined.

(2) The figure determined in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be
allocated to local health departments making application for assistance
based on the proportion that the population of the county or counties
comprising the local health department applying for such assistance bears
to the total population of all counties comprising local health departments
which have applied for such financial assistance.

(3) If any local health department making application for assistance
would receive an amount equal to or less than $7,000 the amount specified
in subsection (a)(1) using the formula in paragraph (b)(2) of this
subsection, then such department shall be paid in accordance with
subsection (a) only. If any local health department making application for assistance would receive more than $7,000 the amount specified in subsection (a)(1) using the formula in paragraph (b)(2) of this subsection, then such department shall be paid based on the proportion that the population served by the county or counties comprising such local health department bears to the total population of all counties comprising local health departments which have made application for assistance, except for departments receiving funds under subsection (a), except that in no case shall the assistance distributed under this subsection (b) to a local health department exceed the amount that the local health department receives from local tax revenues for the county fiscal year in which the state financial assistance is paid.

(c) If local tax revenues allotted to a local health department for a fiscal year fall below the level of local tax revenues allotted to the local health department for the preceding fiscal year, the amount of state financial assistance under this act for which such local health department is eligible for the fiscal year shall be reduced by a percentage equal to the percentage of reduction in local tax revenue for that fiscal year.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-242 is hereby repealed.

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