AN ACT concerning foster care students; relating to the state department of education and the department for children and families; requiring reporting of certain educational outcomes for foster care students attending public and accredited nonpublic schools a Kansas foster care children annual academic report card.  

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

Section 1. (a) The state department of education and the department for children and families shall collaborate to prepare an annual report on educational outcome data for foster care students a Kansas foster care children annual academic report card. The annual report card shall include the following aggregate data for the preceding school year:

(1) The graduation rate of foster care students;
(2) the number and percentage of foster care students that were promoted to the next grade level;
(3) the number and percentage of foster care students that were suspended during the school year;
(4) the number and percentage of foster care students that were expelled during the school year;
(5) state standardized assessment scores for foster care students, including the number and percentage of students meeting academic standards as determined by the state board of education;
(6) the number and percentage of foster care students enrolled in any preschool-aged at-risk program, Kansas preschool pilot program or early childhood special education program under section 619 of part B of the individuals with disabilities act; and
(7) the total number of foster care students enrolled in a school district or nonpublic school and the disaggregated number and percentage of foster care students enrolled in school districts and accredited nonpublic schools; and

(8) de-identified disaggregated race and ethnicity data for each data set required in paragraphs (1) through (7).

(b) On or before January 15 of each year, the state department of education and the department for children and families shall prepare and submit the report required pursuant to this section Kansas foster care children annual academic report card to the senate committee on
education and the house committee on education.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Foster care student" means any individual who was in the custody of the Kansas department for children and families at any time when such student attended a school during the school year for which the report required pursuant to this section is to be completed.

(2) "School" means any school of a school district or any nonpublic school accredited by the state board of education.

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