

SENATE BILL No. 144

By Committee on Education

2-4

1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to the Kansas school equity and
2 enhancement act; making the high-density at-risk student weighting
3 permanent; amending K.S.A. 72-5151 and repealing the existing
4 section.

5
6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 72-5151 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
8 5151. (a) The at-risk student weighting of each school district shall be
9 determined by the state board as follows:

10 (1) Determine the number of at-risk students included in the
11 enrollment of the school district; and

12 (2) multiply the number determined under subsection (a)(1) by 0.484.
13 The resulting sum is the at-risk student weighting of the school district.

14 (b) Except as provided in subsection (b)(4), the high-density at-risk
15 student weighting of each school district shall be determined by the state
16 board as follows:

17 (1) (A) If the enrollment of the school district is at least 35% at-risk
18 students, but less than 50% at-risk students:

19 (i) Subtract 35% from the percentage of at-risk students included in
20 the enrollment of the school district;

21 (ii) multiply the difference determined under subsection (b)(1)(A)(i)
22 by 0.7; and

23 (iii) multiply the product determined under subsection (b)(1)(A)(ii)
24 by the number of at-risk students included in the enrollment of the school
25 district; or

26 (B) if the enrollment of the school district is 50% or more at-risk
27 students, multiply the number of at-risk students included in the
28 enrollment of the school district by 0.105; or

29 (2) (A) if the enrollment of a school in the school district is at least
30 35% at-risk students, but less than 50% at-risk students:

31 (i) Subtract 35% from the percentage of at-risk students included in
32 the enrollment of such school;

33 (ii) multiply the difference determined under subsection (b)(2)(A)(i)
34 by 0.7; and

35 (iii) multiply the product determined under subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii)
36 by the number of at-risk students included in the enrollment of such

1 school; or

2 (B) if the enrollment of a school in the school district is 50% or more
3 at-risk students, multiply the number of at-risk students included in the
4 enrollment of such school by 0.105; and

5 (C) add the products determined under subsections (b)(2)(A)(iii) and
6 (b)(2)(B) for each such school in the school district, respectively.

7 (3) The high-density at-risk weighting of the school district shall be
8 the greater of the product determined under subsection (b)(1) or the sum
9 determined under subsection (b)(2)(C).

10 (4) ~~Commencing in school year 2018-2019,~~ School districts that
11 qualify to receive the high-density at-risk weighting pursuant to this
12 section shall spend any money attributable to the school district's high-
13 density at-risk weighting on the at-risk best practices developed by the
14 state board pursuant to K.S.A. 72-5153(d), and amendments thereto. If a
15 school district that qualifies for the high-density at-risk weighting does not
16 spend such money on such best practices, the state board shall notify the
17 school district that it shall either spend such money on such best practices
18 or shall show improvement within five years of notification. Improvement
19 shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

20 (A) The percentage of students at grade level on state math and
21 English language arts assessments;

22 (B) the percentage of students that are college and career ready on
23 state math and English language arts assessments;

24 (C) the average composite ACT score; or

25 (D) the four-year graduation rate. If a school district does not spend
26 such money on such best practices and does not show improvement within
27 five years, the school district shall not qualify to receive the high-density
28 at-risk weighting in the succeeding school year.

29 ~~(5) The provisions of this subsection shall expire on July 1, 2020.~~

30 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-5151 is hereby repealed.

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