

Section 1.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

(a) There is appropriated for the above agency from the state general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

Special education services aid (652-00-1000-0700).....\$592,740,238

*Provided*, That any unencumbered balance in the special education services aid account in excess of \$100 as of June 30, 2023, is hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2024: *Provided further*, That expenditures shall not be made from the special education services aid account for the provision of instruction for any homebound or hospitalized child, unless the categorization of such child as exceptional is conjoined with the categorization of the child within one or more of the other categories of exceptionality: *And provided further*, That expenditures shall be made from this account for grants to school districts in amounts determined pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 72-3425, and amendments thereto: *And provided further*, That expenditures shall be made from the amount remaining in this account, after deduction of the expenditures specified in the foregoing provisos, for payments to school districts in amounts determined pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 72-3422, and amendments thereto.

(b) During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in addition to the other purpose for which expenditures may be made by the above agency from moneys appropriated from the state general fund or from any special revenue fund or funds for the above agency for fiscal year 2024 as authorized by this or other appropriation act of the 2023 regular session of the legislature, expenditures shall be made by the above agency from such moneys for fiscal year 2024 to create a special education and related services funding task force to study and make recommendations for changes in the existing state funding formula for special education and related services: *Provided*, That such task force shall have 10 members as follows: Two members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; two members appointed by the president of the senate; one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; one member appointed by the state board of education; two members appointed by the state department of education who are professionals in the field of special education and related services; and one member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives who is a parent of a student who receives special education services: *Provided further*, That the speaker of the house of representatives shall designate one member appointed by the speaker as chairperson of the task force: *And provided further*, That members of the task force attending meetings authorized by the task force shall be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.