

2023 Kansas Statutes

72-5143. Same; local option budget; authority to adopt; limitations; supplemental general fund. (a) In each school year, the board of education of a school district shall adopt, by resolution, a local option budget equal to 15% of the school district's total foundation aid.

(b) If the board of education of a school district desires local option budget authority above the amount required under subsection (a), the board may adopt, by resolution, a local option budget in an amount that does not exceed the statewide average for the preceding school year as determined by the state board pursuant to subsection (j). The adoption of a resolution pursuant to this section shall require a majority vote of the members of the board. Such resolution shall be effective upon adoption and shall require no other procedure, authorization or approval.

(c) If the board of a school district desires local option budget authority above the amount authorized under subsection (b), the board may adopt, by resolution, such budget in an amount not to exceed the state prescribed percentage. The adoption of a resolution pursuant to this subsection shall require a majority vote of the members of the board. The resolution shall be published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district. The resolution shall be published in substantial compliance with the following form:

Unified School District No. _____,
_____ County, Kansas.

RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved that:

The board of education of the above-named school district shall be authorized to adopt a local option budget in each school year in an amount not to exceed ____% of the amount of total foundation aid. The local option budget authorized by this resolution may be adopted, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 40 days after publication of this resolution. If a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether adoption of the local option budget shall be authorized to the electors of the school district at an election called for the purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the board of education of the school district.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the board of education of unified school district No. _____, _____ County, Kansas, on the _____ day of _____, _____.

Clerk of the board of education.

All of the blanks in the resolution shall be filled appropriately. If a sufficient petition is not filed, the board may adopt a local option budget. If a sufficient petition is filed, the board may notify the county election officer of the date of an election to be held to submit the question of whether adoption of a local option budget shall be authorized. Any such election shall be noticed, called and held in the manner provided by K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto. If the board fails to notify the county election officer within 30 days after a sufficient petition is filed, the resolution shall be deemed abandoned and no like resolution shall be adopted by the board within the nine months following publication of the resolution.

(d) Unless specifically stated otherwise in the resolution, the authority to adopt a local option budget shall be continuous and permanent. The board of any school district that is authorized to adopt a local option budget may adopt a budget in an amount less than the amount authorized, provided the board adopts a local option budget in an amount equal to or greater than the amount required under subsection (a).

(e) The board of any school district may initiate procedures to renew or increase the authority to adopt a local option budget at any time during a school year after the tax levied pursuant to K.S.A. 72-5147, and amendments thereto, is certified to the county clerk under any existing authorization.

(f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the board of any school district authorized to adopt a local option budget prior to July 1, 2017, under a resolution that authorized the adoption of such budget in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 72-6471, prior to July 1, 2017, may continue to operate under such resolution for the period of time specified in the resolution if such resolution adopted a local option budget equal to or greater than the amount required in subsection (a), or may abandon the resolution and operate under the provisions of this section. Any such school district shall operate under the provisions of this section after the period of time specified in any previously adopted resolution has expired.

(2) Any resolution adopted prior to July 1, 2017, pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6433(e)(2), prior to its repeal, that authorized the adoption of a local option budget and that was not subsequently submitted to and approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the school district voting at an election called and held thereon shall expire on June 30, 2018, and shall have no force and effect during school year 2018-2019 or any subsequent school year.

(g) Any resolution adopted pursuant to this section may revoke or repeal any resolution previously adopted by the board. If the resolution does not revoke or repeal previously adopted resolutions, all resolutions that are in effect shall expire on the same date. The maximum amount of the local option budget of a school district under all resolutions in effect shall not exceed the state prescribed percentage in any school year.

(h) For school year 2019-2020 and each school year thereafter, the board of any school district that desires to increase its local option budget authority for the immediately succeeding school year shall submit written notice of such intent to the state board by April 1 of the current school year. Such notice shall include the local option budget authority, expressed as a percentage of the school district's total foundation aid, to be adopted for the immediately succeeding school year. The board of a school district shall not adopt a local option budget in excess of the authority stated in a notice submitted pursuant to this subsection.

(i) (1) There is hereby established in each school district that adopts a local option budget a supplemental general fund, which shall consist of all amounts deposited therein or credited thereto according to law.

(2) (A) Of the moneys deposited in or otherwise credited to the supplemental general fund of a school district pursuant to K.S.A. 72-5147, and amendments thereto, an amount that is proportional to that amount of such school district's total foundation aid attributable to the at-risk student weighting as compared to such district's total foundation aid shall be transferred to the at-risk education fund of such school district and shall be expended in accordance with K.S.A. 72-5153, and amendments thereto.

(B) Of the moneys deposited in or otherwise credited to the supplemental general fund of a school district pursuant to K.S.A. 72-5147, and amendments thereto, an amount that is proportional to that amount of such school district's total foundation aid attributable to the bilingual weighting as compared to such district's total foundation aid shall be transferred to the bilingual education fund of such school district and shall be expended in accordance with K.S.A. 72-3613, and amendments thereto.

(3) Subject to the limitations imposed under paragraph (4), amounts in the supplemental general fund may be expended for any purpose for which expenditures from the general fund are authorized or may be transferred to any categorical fund of the school district. Amounts in the supplemental general fund attributable to any percentage over 25% of total foundation aid determined for the current school year may be transferred to the capital improvements fund of the school district and the capital outlay fund of the school district if such transfers are specified in the resolution authorizing the adoption of a local option budget in excess of 25%.

(4) Amounts in the supplemental general fund may not be expended for the purpose of making payments under any lease-purchase agreement involving the acquisition of land or buildings that is entered into pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 72-1149, and amendments thereto.

(5) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), any unexpended moneys remaining in the supplemental general fund of a school district at the conclusion of any school year in which a local option budget is adopted shall be maintained in such fund.

(B) If the school district received supplemental state aid in the school year, the state board shall determine the ratio of the amount of supplemental general state aid received to the amount of the local option budget of the school district for the school year and multiply the total amount of the unexpended moneys remaining by such ratio. An amount equal to the amount of the product shall be transferred to the general fund of the school district or remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of any such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the same in the state treasury to the credit of the state school district finance fund.

(j) Each year, the state board shall determine the statewide average percentage of local option budgets legally adopted by school districts for the preceding school year.

(k) The provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 72-5144, and amendments thereto.

(l) As used in this section:

(1) "Authorized to adopt a local option budget" means that a school district has adopted a resolution pursuant to subsection (c).

(2) "State prescribed percentage" means 33% of the total foundation aid of the school district in the current school year.

(3) "Total foundation aid" means the same as such term is defined in K.S.A. 72-5132, and amendments thereto.

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