AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to interdistrict agreements and the termination thereof; amending K.S.A. 72-8233 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 72-8233 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-8233. (a) In accordance with the provisions of this section, the boards of education of any two or more unified school districts may make and enter into agreements providing for the attendance of pupils residing in one school district at school in kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 maintained by any such other school district. The boards of education may also provide by agreement for the combination of enrollments for kindergarten or one or more grades, courses or units of instruction.

(b) Prior to entering into any agreement under authority of this section, the board of education shall adopt a resolution declaring that it has made a determination that such an agreement should be made and that the making and entering into of such an agreement would be in the best interests of the educational system of the school district. Any such agreement is subject to the following conditions:

(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (g), the agreement may be for any term not exceeding a term of five years.

(2) The agreement shall be subject to change or termination by the legislature.

(3) Within the limitations provided by law, the agreement may be changed or terminated by mutual agreement of the participating boards of education.

(4) The agreement shall make provision for transportation of pupils to and from the school attended on every school day, for payment or sharing of the costs and expenses of pupil attendance at school, and for the authority and responsibility of the participating boards of education.

(c) Provision by agreements entered into under authority of this section for the attendance of pupils at school in a school district of nonresidence of such pupils shall be deemed to be compliance with the kindergarten, grade, course and units of instruction requirements of law.

(d) The board of education of any school district which enters into an agreement under authority of this section for the attendance of pupils
at school in another school district may discontinue kindergarten or any
or all of the grades, courses and units of instruction specified in the
agreement for attendance of pupils enrolled in kindergarten or any such
grades, courses and units of instruction at school in such other school
district. Upon discontinuing kindergarten or any grade, course or unit of
instruction under authority of this subsection, the board of education may
close any school building or buildings operated or used for attendance by
pupils enrolled in such discontinued kindergarten, grades, courses or units
of instruction. The closing of any school building under authority of this
subsection shall require a majority vote of the members of the board of
education and shall require no other procedure or approval.

(e) Pupils attending school in a school district of nonresidence of
such pupils in accordance with an agreement made and entered into under
authority of this section shall be counted as regularly enrolled in and
attending school in the school district of residence of such pupils for the
purpose of computations under the school district finance and quality
performance act.

(f) Pupils who satisfactorily complete grade 12 while in attendance
at school in a school district of nonresidence of such pupils in accordance
with the provisions of an agreement entered into under authority of this
section shall be certified as having graduated from the school district of
residence of such pupils unless otherwise provided for by the agreement.

(g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), any agreement
entered into pursuant to this section shall terminate on June 30, 2014.

(2) An agreement entered into pursuant to this section may have a
termination date that occurs after June 30, 2014, provided, the boards of
education that are parties to such agreement have agreed, in writing, to a
plan of consolidation for their respective school districts. In no event
shall the termination date of any agreement entered into pursuant to this
section occur after June 30, 2017.

(h) The provisions of this section shall expire on and after June 30,
2017.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-8233 is hereby repealed.

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