AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to special education state
aid; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 72-978 and repealing the existing
section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 72-978 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 72-978. (a) Each year, the state board of education shall determine
the amount of state aid for the provision of special education and related
services each school district shall receive for the ensuing school year. The
amount of such state aid shall be computed by the state board as provided
in this section. The state board shall:

(1) Determine the total amount of general fund and local option
budgets of all school districts;
(2) subtract from the amount determined in paragraph (1) the total
amount attributable to assignment of transportation weighting, program
weighting, special education weighting and at-risk pupil weighting to
enrollment of all school districts;
(3) divide the remainder obtained in paragraph (2) by the total
number of full-time equivalent pupils enrolled in all school districts on
September 20;
(4) determine the total full-time equivalent enrollment of exceptional
children receiving special education and related services provided by all
school districts;
(5) multiply the amount of the quotient obtained in paragraph (3) by
the full-time equivalent enrollment determined in paragraph (4);
(6) determine the amount of federal funds received by all school
districts for the provision of special education and related services;
(7) determine the amount of revenue received by all school districts
rendered under contracts with the state institutions for the provisions of
special education and related services by the state institution;
(8) add the amounts determined under paragraphs (6) and (7) to the
amount of the product obtained under paragraph (5);
(9) determine the total amount of expenditures of all school districts
for the provision of special education and related services;
(10) subtract the amount of the sum obtained under paragraph (8)
from the amount determined under paragraph (9); and
(11) multiply the remainder obtained under paragraph (10) by 92%.

The computed amount is the amount of state aid for the provision of special education and related services aid a school district is entitled to receive for the ensuing school year.

(b) Each school district shall be entitled to receive:

(1) Reimbursement for actual travel allowances paid to special teachers at not to exceed the rate specified under K.S.A. 75-3203, and amendments thereto, for each mile actually traveled during the school year in connection with duties in providing special education or related services for exceptional children; such reimbursement shall be computed by the state board by ascertaining the actual travel allowances paid to special teachers by the school district for the school year and shall be in an amount equal to 80% of such actual travel allowances;

(2) reimbursement in an amount equal to 80% of the actual travel expenses incurred for providing transportation for exceptional children to special education or related services; such reimbursement shall not be paid if such child has been counted in determining the transportation weighting of the district under the provisions of the school district finance and quality performance act;

(3) reimbursement in an amount equal to 80% of the actual expenses incurred for the maintenance of an exceptional child at some place other than the residence of such child for the purpose of providing special education or related services; such reimbursement shall not exceed $600 per exceptional child per school year; and

(4) subject to the provisions of subsection (f) and except for those school districts entitled to receive reimbursement under subsection (c) or (d), after subtracting the amounts of reimbursement under paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this subsection (a) from the total amount appropriated for special education and related services under this act, an amount which bears the same proportion to the remaining amount appropriated as the number of full-time equivalent special teachers who are qualified to provide special education or related services to exceptional children and are employed by the school district for approved special education or related services bears to the total number of such qualified full-time equivalent special teachers employed by all school districts for approved special education or related services.

Each special teacher who is qualified to assist in the provision of special education or related services to exceptional children shall be counted as \(\frac{2}{3}\) full-time equivalent special teacher who is qualified to provide special education or related services to exceptional children.

(c) Each school district which has paid amounts for the provision of special education and related services under an interlocal agreement shall be entitled to receive reimbursement under subsection (b)(4). The amount
of such reimbursement for the district shall be the amount which bears the
same relation to the aggregate amount available for reimbursement for the
provision of special education and related services under the interlocal
agreement, as the amount paid by such district in the current school year
for provision of such special education and related services bears to the
aggregate of all amounts paid by all school districts in the current school
year who have entered into such interlocal agreement for provision of such
special education and related services.

(d) Each contracting school district which has paid amounts for the
provision of special education and related services as a member of a
cooperative shall be entitled to receive reimbursement under subsection (b)
(4). The amount of such reimbursement for the district shall be the amount
which bears the same relation to the aggregate amount available for
reimbursement for the provision of special education and related services
by the cooperative, as the amount paid by such district in the current
school year for provision of such special education and related services
bears to the aggregate of all amounts paid by all contracting school
districts in the current school year by such cooperative for provision of
such special education and related services.

(e) No time spent by a special teacher in connection with duties
performed under a contract entered into by the Kansas juvenile
correctional complex, the Atchison juvenile correctional facility, the
Larned juvenile correctional facility, or the Topeka juvenile correctional
facility and a school district for the provision of special education services
by such state institution shall be counted in making computations under
this section.

(f) (1) In school year 2012-2013 and in each school year thereafter,
the state board of education shall determine the minimum and maximum
amount of state aid that a school district may receive under paragraph (4)
of subsection (b) for the current school year as follows:

(A) Determine the total amount of moneys appropriated as state aid
for the provision of special education and related services to all school
districts for the current school year;

(B) subtract the amount of moneys paid to all school districts under
paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (b) of this section, K.S.A. 72-983
and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 72-998, and amendments thereto, for the current
school year;

(C) divide the remainder obtained under (B) by the total full-time
equivalent enrollment of all school districts in the current school year;

(2) (A) multiply the quotient obtained under (1) (C) by the full-time
equivalent enrollment of the school district in the current school year;

(B) multiply the product obtained under (2) (A) by .75. The product is
the minimum amount of state aid the district may receive under paragraph
(4) of subsection (b) for the current school year;

(C) multiply the quotient obtained under (2) (A) by 1.50. The product
is the maximum amount of state aid the district may receive under
paragraph (4) of subsection (b) for the current school year.

(3) If the amount determined under paragraph (4) of subsection (b) is
less than the product obtained under (2)(B), the district shall receive state
aid in an amount equal to the product obtained under (2)(B), plus any-
amount determined under paragraph (5) of this subsection.

(4) If the amount determined under paragraph (4) of subsection (b),
plus any amount determined under paragraph (5) of this subsection, is
greater than the product obtained under (2)(C), the district shall receive
state aid in an amount equal to the product obtained under (2)(C). The
balance of state aid remaining after determining the amount of state aid
payable to districts under this paragraph shall be reallocated to districts as
provided by paragraph (5) of this subsection.

(5) The balance of state aid remaining after determining the amount
of state aid payable to districts under paragraph (4) of this subsection shall
be reallocated to districts which have not received state aid in an amount
equal to the product obtained under (2)(B). Such state aid shall be
reallocated to such districts in the same manner as the original allocation.
If the balance is insufficient to pay each such district the minimum amount
specified in this subsection, the state board shall prorate the balance-
among such districts.

(6) The provisions of this subsection (f) shall expire on June 30,
2014.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 72-978 is hereby repealed.

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