AN ACT concerning schools; relating to courses for instruction; pertaining to science.

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

Section 1. (a) The state board of education shall provide a course of instruction in science. Such course of instruction shall:

(1) Provide information to students of scientific evidence which both supports and counters a scientific theory or hypothesis; and

(2) assist students in developing critical thinking skills to evaluate scientific theories or hypotheses.

(b) The legislature recognizes that the teaching of certain scientific topics, such as climate science, may be controversial. The legislature encourages the teaching of such scientific controversies to be made in an objective manner in which both the strengths and weaknesses of such scientific theory or hypothesis are covered.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.