AN ACT concerning education; creating the joint committee on uniform educational standards oversight; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 72-6439 and 72-7535 and repealing the existing sections.

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

New Section 1. (a) No school district, nor the department of education nor the state board of education shall expend any moneys to institute the common core standards, the next generation science standards or any other uniform educational standards for grades kindergarten through 12, or any portion of such standards, including any assessments affiliated with such standards, that were not adopted by the state board of education prior to the first day of the 2013 legislative session.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed in any manner so as to impinge upon any school district's authority to determine its own curriculum.

(c) As used in this subsection:

(1) "Common core standards" means the set of uniform educational standards for grades kindergarten through 12 established by the common core state standards initiative;

(2) "Uniform educational standards" means a set of educational standards for grades kindergarten through 12 established by a consortium of governmental entities, or by one or more other organizations, that are uniformly adopted by two or more states.

(d) The provisions of this section shall expire on April 15, 2014.

New Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby established the joint committee on uniform educational standards oversight. The joint committee shall review any uniform educational standards, including any assessments affiliated with such standards, that have either been adopted, or have been proposed for adoption by the state board of education.

(b) The joint committee shall consist of 11 members of the legislature appointed as follows:

(1) Two members of the house of representatives committee on education appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(2) one member of the house of representatives committee on education appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

(3) two members of the senate committee on education appointed by
the president of the senate;
(4) one member of the senate committee on education appointed by
the minority leader of the senate;
(5) one member of the house of representatives committee on
appropriations appointed by the chairperson of the house committee on
appropriations;
(6) one member of the senate committee on ways and means
appointed by the chairperson of the senate committee on ways and means;
(7) one member of the house of representatives committee on
appropriations appointed by the ranking minority member of the house
committee on appropriations;
(8) one member of the senate committee on ways and means
appointed by the ranking minority member of the senate committee on
ways and means; and
(9) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the
majority leader of the house of representatives.
(c) Members shall be appointed for terms coinciding with the
legislative terms for which such members are elected or appointed. All
members appointed to fill vacancies in the membership of the joint
committee and all members appointed to succeed members appointed to
membership on the joint committee shall be appointed in the manner
provided for the original appointment of the member succeeded. The first
meeting of the joint committee shall be held before August 1, 2013.
(d) The members originally appointed as members of the joint
committee shall meet upon the call of a member appointed by the speaker
of the house of representatives, who shall be appointed by the speaker of
the house of representatives as the chairperson. The vice-chairperson of
the joint committee shall be a member appointed by the president of the
senate, who shall be appointed by the president of the senate as the vice-
chairperson. The ranking minority member shall be from the same
chamber as the chairperson.
(e) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the
legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services
as may be requested by the joint committee.
(f) Members of the joint committee shall be paid compensation, travel
expenses and subsistence expenses or allowance as provided in K.S.A. 75-
3212, and amendments thereto, for attendance at any meeting of the joint
committee or any subcommittee meeting authorized by the committee.
(g) The joint committee shall:
(1) Review the common core standards, the next generation science
standards or any other uniform educational standards for grades
kindergarten through 12, or any portion of such standards;
(2) review any assessments affiliated with such standards;
(3) study the implementation of any such standards for school year 2013-2014; and
(4) determine whether such standards conform to Kansas educational values which provide for intellectual, educational, vocational and scientific improvement.

(h) The department of education shall provide data and information for any of the uniform educational standards identified in subsection (g) to the joint committee as requested.

(i) On or before January 10, 2014, and January 9, 2015, the joint committee shall prepare and submit a written report to the legislature and the governor on its findings and recommendations with respect to those uniform educational standards identified in subsection (g). The report shall include, but is not limited to:

(1) Recommendations as to the continued implementation of any uniform educational standards adopted by the state board of education prior to the first day of the 2013 legislative session;
(2) recommendations as to the adoption and implementation of any other uniform educational standards by the state board of education;
(3) recommendations for legislation to be considered by the legislature during the 2014 legislative session; and
(4) an estimate of the fiscal effects of each of the joint committee's recommendations.

(j) The joint committee may introduce such legislation as it deems necessary in performing its functions.

(k) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2015.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 72-6439 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6439. (a) In order to accomplish the mission for Kansas education, the state board of education shall design and adopt a school performance accreditation system based upon improvement in performance that reflects high academic standards and is measurable.

(b) (1) The state board shall establish—curriculum educational standards which reflect high academic standards for Kansas education in the core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and social studies. The curriculum educational standards shall be reviewed at least every seven years. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed in any manner so as to impinge upon any district's authority to determine its own curriculum.

(2) No educational standards established under subsection (b)(1) shall include the common core standards, the next generation science standards or any other uniform educational standards for grades kindergarten through 12, or any portion of such standards, including any assessments affiliated with such standards, that were not adopted by the state board of education prior to the first day of the 2013 legislative
session.

(3) As used in this subsection: (A) "Common core standards" means the set of uniform educational standards for grades kindergarten through 12 established by the common core state standards initiative; 

and

(B) "uniform educational standards" means a set of educational standards for grades kindergarten through 12 established by a consortium of governmental entities, or by one or more other organizations, that are uniformly adopted by two or more states.

(4) The provisions of subsections (b)(2) and (b)(3) shall expire on April 15, 2014.

(c) The state board shall provide for statewide assessments in the core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and social studies. The board shall ensure compatibility between the statewide assessments and the curriculum educational standards established pursuant to subsection (b). Such assessments shall be administered at three grade levels, as determined by the board. The state board shall determine performance levels on the statewide assessments, the achievement of which represents high academic standards in the academic area at the grade level to which the assessment applies. The state board should specify high academic standards both for individual performance and school performance on the assessments.

(d) Each school in every district shall establish a school site council composed of the principal and representatives of teachers and other school personnel, parents of pupils attending the school, the business community, and other community groups. School site councils shall be responsible for providing advice and counsel in evaluating state, school district, and school site performance goals and objectives and in determining the methods that should be employed at the school site to meet these goals and objectives. Site councils may make recommendations and proposals to the school board regarding budgetary items and school district matters, including but not limited to, identifying and implementing the best practices for developing efficient and effective administrative and management functions. Site councils also may help school boards analyze the unique environment of schools, enhance the efficiency and maximize limited resources, including outsourcing arrangements and cooperative opportunities as a means to address limited budgets.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 72-7535 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-7535. (a) In order to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to become self-supporting and to enable students to make critical decisions regarding personal finances, the state board of education shall authorize and assist in the implementation of programs on teaching personal financial literacy.
(b) The state board of education shall develop a curriculum, materials and guidelines that local boards of education and governing authorities of accredited nonpublic schools may use in implementing the program of instruction on personal financial literacy. The state board of education shall adopt a glossary of personal financial literacy terms which shall be used by school districts when implementing the program on personal financial literacy.

(c) The state board of education shall develop state—curriculum educational standards for personal financial literacy, for all grade levels, within the existing mathematics curriculum or another appropriate subject-matter curriculum.

(d) The state board of education shall encourage school districts when selecting textbooks for mathematics, economics, family and consumer science, accounting or other appropriate courses, to select those textbooks which contain substantive provisions on personal finance, including personal budgeting, credit, debt management and other topics concerning personal financial literacy.

(e) The state board of education shall include questions relating to personal financial literacy in the statewide assessments for mathematics or social studies required under K.S.A. 72-6439, and amendments thereto. When the statewide assessments for mathematics or social studies are reviewed or rewritten, the state board of education shall examine the questions relating to personal financial literacy and rewrite such questions in order to determine if programs on personal financial literacy are equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed to become self-supporting and enabling students to make critical decisions regarding personal finances.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 72-6439 and 72-7535 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.