

HOUSE BILL No. 2518

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT establishing a joint committee on school finance reform; providing for the composition, duties and functions of the joint committee; repealing K.S.A. 72-6405, 72-6406, 72-6408, 72-6411, 72-6413, 72-6415, 72-6416, 72-6418, 72-6419, 72-6420, 72-6421, 72-6422, 72-6423, 72-6424, 72-6425, 72-6427, 72-6428, 72-6429, 72-6432, 72-6434, 72-6435, 72-6436, 72-6437 and 72-6440 and K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6407, 72-6409, 72-6410, 72-6412, 72-6414, 72-6417, 72-6426, 72-6430, 72-6431, 72-6433, 72-6438, 72-6439, 72-6441, 72-6442, 72-6443, 72-6444 and 72-6445.

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

Section 1. (a) There is established the joint committee on school finance reform. The joint committee shall be composed of 16 members.

(b) The following members of the joint committee shall serve ex officio or shall designate a person to represent them on the committee: The chairperson and ranking minority member of the committee on education of the house of representatives, the chairperson and ranking minority member of the committee on education of the senate, the chairperson and ranking minority member of the committee on taxation of the house of representatives, the chairperson and ranking minority member of the committee on assessment and taxation of the senate, the chairperson and ranking minority member of the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives, the chairperson and ranking minority member of the committee on ways and means of the senate, the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the president and minority leader of the senate.

(c) The joint committee shall organize on January 14, 2002, and elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the members of the committee so that one such officer is a member of the house of representatives and the other such officer is a member of the senate. The vice-chairperson shall exercise all of the powers of the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson. If a vacancy occurs in the office of chairperson or vice-chairperson, another member of the committee shall be elected by the members of the committee to fill such vacancy.

(d) A quorum of the joint committee on school finance reform shall

1 be nine. All actions of the joint committee shall be taken by a majority of
2 all the members of the committee.

3 (e) The joint committee on school finance reform may meet at any
4 time on the call of the chairperson. The joint committee may hold meet-
5 ings throughout the state to receive information and recommendations
6 to assist the joint committee in carrying out its functions and duties.

7 (f) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the
8 legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services
9 as may be requested by the joint committee on school finance reform.

10 (g) The provisions of this section shall expire on January 30, 2003.

11 Sec. 2. (a) The joint committee on school finance reform shall:

12 (1) Review the financing provisions of the school finance and quality
13 performance act and the current array of categorical school aid programs;

14 (2) evaluate the recommendations of the governor's task force on K-
15 12 funding; financing for results;

16 (3) review the findings and recommendations regarding school fi-
17 nance reform contained in past reports and audits conducted by legislative
18 study committees or authorized by the governor, the legislature or the
19 state board of education;

20 (4) consider the recommendations prepared for the state board of
21 education regarding school district organization;

22 (5) review systems of financial support of public education funding
23 in other states;

24 (6) solicit recommendations from the general public and from the
25 various public education interest organizations throughout the state on
26 principles of an optimal school finance plan; and

27 (7) submit a report and proposed legislation to the legislature on or
28 before January 15, 2003, for a school finance program to be the successor
29 to the school district finance and quality performance act. The report
30 should address how the plan proposes to meet the varying educational
31 needs of each child enrolled in a public school in this state.

32 (b) The provisions of this section shall expire on January 30, 2003.

33 Sec. 3. On June 30, 2003, K.S.A. 72-6405, 72-6406, 72-6408, 72-
34 6411, 72-6413, 72-6415, 72-6416, 72-6418, 72-6419, 72-6420, 72-6421,
35 72-6422, 72-6423, 72-6424, 72-6425, 72-6427, 72-6428, 72-6429, 72-
36 6432, 72-6434, 72-6435, 72-6436, 72-6437 and 72-6440 and K.S.A. 2000
37 Supp. 72-6407, 72-6409, 72-6410, 72-6412, 72-6414, 72-6417, 72-6426,
38 72-6430, 72-6431, 72-6433, 72-6438, 72-6439, 72-6441, 72-6442, 72-
39 6443, 72-6444 and 72-6445 are hereby repealed.

40 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
41 publication in the statute book.

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