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SENATE BILL No. 220

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AN ACT concerning at-risk pupil weighting; relating to mastery of basic reading skills; amending K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6414 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6414 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6414. The at-risk pupil weighting of each district shall be determined by the state board by multiplying the number of at-risk pupils included in enrollment of the district by .09.10. The product is the atrisk pupil weighting of the district.

- New Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), of the amount a district receives from the at-risk pupil weighting, an amount produced by a pupil weighting of .01 shall be used by the district for achieving mastery of basic reading skills by completion of the third grade in accordance with standards established by the state board of education under K.S.A. 72-7534 and amendments thereto.
- (b) A district shall include such information in its at-risk pupil assistance plan as the state board of education may require regarding the district's remediation strategies and the results thereof in achieving the third grade reading mastery standards specified by the state board. The reporting requirements shall include information documenting remediation strategies and improvement made by pupils who performed below the expected standard on the second grade diagnostic reading test prescribed by the state board.
- (c) A school district whose third grade pupils substantially meet the state board of education standards for mastery of third grade reading skills, upon request, may be released by the state board from the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.
 - Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6414 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.