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SENATE BILL No. 361

By Committee on Ways and Means

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AN ACT concerning school district finance; revising the definition of local effort by exclusion of federal impact aid; increasing state prescribed percentage for the purpose of local option budgets; amending K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6410 and 72-6433 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6410 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6410. (a) "State financial aid" means an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying base state aid per pupil by the adjusted enrollment of a district.

- "Base state aid per pupil" means an amount of state financial aid per pupil. Subject to the other provisions of this subsection, the amount of base state aid per pupil is \$3,770 in the 1999 2000 school year and \$3,820 in the 2000 01 school year and in school years thereafter. The amount of base state aid per pupil is subject to reduction commensurate with any reduction under K.S.A. 75-6704, and amendments thereto, in the amount of the appropriation from the state general fund for general state aid. If the amount of appropriations for general state aid is insufficient to pay in full the amount each district is entitled to receive for any school year, the amount of base state aid per pupil for such school year is subject to reduction commensurate with the amount of the insufficiency.
- "Local effort" means the sum of an amount equal to the proceeds from the tax levied under authority of K.S.A. 72-6431, and amendments thereto, and an amount equal to any unexpended and unencumbered balance remaining in the general fund of the district, except amounts received by the district and authorized to be expended for the purposes specified in K.S.A. 72-6430, and amendments thereto, and an amount equal to any unexpended and unencumbered balances remaining in the program weighted funds of the district, except any amount in the vocational education fund of the district if the district is operating an area vocational school, and an amount equal to any remaining proceeds from taxes levied under authority of K.S.A. 72-7056 and 72-7072, and amendments thereto, prior to the repeal of such statutory sections, and an

amount equal to the amount deposited in the general fund in the current school year from amounts received in such year by the district under the provisions of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 72-1046a, and amendments thereto, and an amount equal to the amount deposited in the general fund in the current school year from amounts received in such year by the district pursuant to contracts made and entered into under authority of K.S.A. 72-6757, and amendments thereto, and an amount equal to the amount credited to the general fund in the current school year from amounts distributed in such year to the district under the provisions of articles 17 and 34 of chapter 12 of Kansas Statutes Annotated and under the provisions of articles 42 and 51 of chapter 79 of Kansas Statutes Annotated, and an amount equal to 75% of the federal impact aid of the district.

(d) "Federal impact aid" means an amount equal to the federally qualified percentage of the amount of moneys a district receives in the current school year under the provisions of title I of public law 874 and congressional appropriations therefor, excluding amounts received for assistance in cases of major disaster and amounts received under the low-rent housing program. The amount of federal impact aid defined herein as an amount equal to the federally qualified percentage of the amount of moneys provided for the district under title I of public law 874 shall be determined by the state board in accordance with terms and conditions imposed under the provisions of the public law and rules and regulations thereunder.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6433 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6433. (a) (1) The board of any district may adopt a local option budget in each school year, commencing with the 1997-98 school year, in an amount not to exceed an amount equal to the district prescribed percentage of the amount of state financial aid determined for the district in the school year. As used in this provision the term district prescribed percentage means:

(A) For any district that was authorized to adopt and that adopted a local option budget in the 1996-97 school year and to which the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6444, and amendments thereto, do not apply in the current school year, a percentage in the 1997-98 school year that is equal to the percentage specified in the resolution under which the district was authorized to adopt a local option budget in the 1996-97 school year, in the 1998-99 school year, a percentage that is equal to 95% of the percentage specified in the resolution under which the district was authorized to adopt a local option budget in the 1996-97 school year, in the 1999-2000 school year, a percentage that is equal to 90% of the percentage specified in the resolution under which the district was authorized to adopt a local option budget in the 1996-97 school year, in the 2000-01 school year, a percentage that is equal to 85% of the percentage specified

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in the resolution under which the district was authorized to adopt a local option budget in the 1996-97 school year, in the 2001-02 school year, and in each school year thereafter, a percentage that is equal to 80% of the percentage specified in the resolution under which the district was authorized to adopt a local option budget in the 1996-97 school year;

- (B) for any district that was authorized to adopt and that adopted a local option budget in the 1996-97 school year and to which the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6444, and amendments thereto, apply in the current school year, a percentage in the 1997-98 school year that is equal to the sum of the percentage of the amount of state financial aid the district was authorized to budget in the preceding school year and 20% of the percentage computed for the district by the state board under the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72 6444, and amendments thereto, a percentage in the 1998 99 school year that is equal to the sum of the percentage of the amount of state financial aid the district was authorized to budget in the preceding school year and 40% of the percentage computed for the district by the state board under the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72 6444, and amendments thereto, a percentage in the 1999 2000 school year that is equal to the sum of the percentage of the amount of state financial aid the district was authorized to budget in the preceding school year and 60% of the percentage computed for the district by the state board under the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72 6444, and amendments thereto, a percentage in the 2000 01 school year that is equal to the sum of the percentage of the amount of state financial aid the district was authorized to budget in the preceding school year and 80% of the percentage computed for the district by the state board under the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72 6444, and amendments thereto, a percentage in the 2001-02 school year, and each school year thereafter, that is equal to the sum of the percentage of the amount of state financial aid the district was authorized to budget in the preceding school year and the percentage computed for the district by the state board under the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6444, and amendments thereto;
- (C) for any district that was not authorized to adopt a local option budget in the 1996-97 school year and to which the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6444, and amendments thereto, apply in the current school year, a percentage in the 1997-98 school year that is equal to 20% of the percentage computed for the district by the state board under the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6444, and amendments thereto, a percentage in the 1998-99 school year that is equal to the sum of the percentage of the amount of state financial aid the district was authorized to budget in the preceding school year and 40% of the percentage computed for the district by the state board under the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6444, and amendments thereto, a percentage in the 1999-

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2000 school year that is equal to the sum of the percentage of the amount of state financial aid the district was authorized to budget in the preceding school year and 60% of the percentage computed for the district by the state board under the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72 6444, and amendments thereto, a percentage in the 2000 01 school year that is equal to the sum of the percentage of the amount of state financial aid the district was authorized to budget in the preceding school year and 80% of the percentage computed for the district by the state board under the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72 6444, and amendments thereto, a percentage in the 2001-02 school year, and each school year thereafter, that is equal to the sum of the percentage of the amount of state financial aid the district was authorized to budget in the preceding school year and the percentage computed for the district by the state board under the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6444, and amendments thereto;

(D) for any district to which the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6444, and amendments thereto, applied in the 1997-98 school year and to which the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6444, and amendments thereto, do not apply in the current school year, commencing with the 1998 99 school year, because an increase in the amount budgeted by the district in its local option budget as authorized by a resolution adopted under the provisions of subsection (b) causes the actual amount per pupil budgeted by the district in the preceding school year as determined for the district under provision (1) of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6444, and amendments thereto, to equal or exceed the average amount per pupil of general fund budgets and local option budgets computed by the state board under whichever of the provisions (7) through (10) of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6444, and amendments thereto, is applicable to the district's enrollment group, a percentage that is equal to the percentage of the amount of state financial aid the district was authorized to budget in the preceding school year if the resolution authorized the district to increase its local option budget on a continuous and permanent basis. If the resolution that authorized the district to increase its local option budget specified a definite period of time for which the district would retain its authority to increase the local option budget and such authority lapses at the conclusion of such period and is not renewed, the term district prescribed percentage means a percentage that is equal to the percentage of the amount of state financial aid the district was authorized to budget in the preceding school year less the percentage of increase that was authorized by the resolution unless the loss of the percentage of increase that was authorized by the resolution would cause the actual amount per pupil budgeted by the district to be less than the average amount per pupil of general fund budgets and local option budgets computed by the state board under whichever of the provisions (7)

through (10) of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6444, and amendments thereto, is applicable to the district's enrollment group, in which case, the term district prescribed percentage means a percentage that is equal to the percentage of the amount of state financial aid the district was authorized to budget in the preceding school year less the percentage of increase that was authorized by the resolution plus a percentage which shall be computed for the district by the state board in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6444, and amendments thereto, except that, in making the determination of the actual amount per pupil budgeted by the district in the preceding school year, the state board shall exclude the percentage of increase that was authorized by the resolution.

- (2) (A) Subject to the provisions of subpart (B), the adoption of a local option budget under authority of this subsection shall require a majority vote of the members of the board and shall require no other procedure, authorization or approval.
- (B) In lieu of utilizing the authority granted by subpart (A) for adoption of a local option budget, the board of a district may pass a resolution authorizing adoption of such a budget and publish such resolution once in a newspaper having general circulation in the district. The resolution shall be published in substantial compliance with the following form:

Unified School District No	-,
	County, Kansas.
RES	OLUTION

Be It Resolved that:

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the board of education of			
Unified School District No,		County, Kansas,	
on the day of	, 19		

Clerk of the board of education.

All of the blanks in the resolution shall be appropriately filled. The blank preceding the word "years" shall be filled with a specific number,

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and the blank preceding the percentage symbol shall be filled with a specific number. No word shall be inserted in either of the blanks. The 2 percentage specified in the resolution shall not exceed the district pre-3 scribed percentage. The resolution shall be published once in a news-4 paper having general circulation in the school district. If no petition as specified above is filed in accordance with the provisions of the resolution, 6 7 the board may adopt a local option budget. If a petition is filed as provided in the resolution, the board may notify the county election officer of the 8 date of an election to be held to submit the question of whether adoption 10 of a local option budget shall be authorized. If the board fails to notify the county election officer within 30 days after a petition is filed, the 11 resolution shall be deemed abandoned and no like resolution shall be 12 adopted by the board within the nine months following publication of the 13 resolution. If any district is authorized to adopt a local option budget 14 under this subpart, but the board of such district chooses, in any school year, not to adopt such a budget or chooses, in any school year, to adopt 16 17 such budget in an amount less than the amount of the district prescribed percentage of the amount of state financial aid in any school year, such 18 board of education may so choose. If the board of any district refrains 19 20 from adopting a local option budget in any one or more school years or refrains from budgeting the total amount authorized for any one or more school years, the authority of such district to adopt a local option budget 22 23 shall not be extended by such refrainment beyond the period specified in the resolution authorizing adoption of such budget, nor shall the 24 amount authorized to be budgeted in any succeeding school year be in-26 creased by such refrainment. Whenever an initial resolution has been adopted under this subpart, and such resolution specified a lesser per-28 centage than the district prescribed percentage, the board of the district may adopt one or more subsequent resolutions under the same procedure 29 as provided for the initial resolution and subject to the same conditions, 30 31 and shall be authorized to increase the percentage as specified in any 32 such subsequent resolution for the remainder of the period of time specified in the initial resolution. Any percentage specified in a subsequent 33 34 resolution or in subsequent resolutions shall be limited so that the sum 35 of the percentage authorized in the initial resolution and the percentage authorized in the subsequent resolution or in subsequent resolutions is 36 37 not in excess of the district prescribed percentage in any school year. The board of any district that has been authorized to adopt a local option 38 budget under this subpart and levied a tax under authority of K.S.A. 72-39 6435, and amendments thereto, may initiate, at any time after the final levy is certified to the county clerk under any current authorization, procedures to renew its authority to adopt a local option budget in the man-43 ner specified in this subpart or may utilize the authority granted by sub-

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part (A). As used in this subpart, the term "authorized to adopt a local option budget" means that a district has adopted a resolution under this subpart, has published the same, and either that the resolution was not protested or that it was protested and an election was held by which the adoption of a local option budget was approved.

- (3) The provisions of this subsection are subject to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c).
- (b) (1) The board of any district that adopts a local option budget under subsection (a) may increase the amount of such budget in each school year, commencing with the 1997 98 school year, in an amount which together with the percentage of the amount of state financial aid budgeted under subsection (a) does not exceed the state prescribed percentage of the amount of state financial aid determined for the district in the school year if the board of the district determines that an increase in such budget would be in the best interests of the district.
- (2) No district may increase a local option budget under authority of this subsection until: (A) A resolution authorizing such an increase is passed by the board and published once in a newspaper having general circulation in the district; or (B) the question of whether the board shall be authorized to increase the local option budget has been submitted to and approved by the qualified electors of the district at a special election called for the purpose. Any such election shall be noticed, called and held in the manner provided by K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto, for the noticing, calling and holding of elections upon the question of issuing bonds under the general bond law. The notice of such election shall state the purpose for and time of the election, and the ballot shall be designed with the question of whether the board of education of the district shall be continuously and permanently authorized to increase the local option budget of the district in each school year by a percentage which together with the percentage of the amount of state financial aid budgeted under subsection (a) does not exceed the state prescribed percentage in any school year. If a majority of the qualified electors voting at the election approve authorization of the board to increase the local option budget, the board shall have such authority. If a majority of the qualified electors voting at the election are opposed to authorization of the board to increase the local option budget, the board shall not have such authority and no like question shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district within the nine months following the election.
- (3) (A) Subject to the provisions of subpart (B), a resolution authorizing an increase in the local option budget of a district shall state that the board of education of the district shall be authorized to increase the local option budget of the district in each school year in an amount not to exceed _______% of the amount of state financial aid determined

for the current school year and that the percentage of increase may be reduced so that the sum of the percentage of the amount of state financial aid budgeted under subsection (a) and the percentage of increase specified in the resolution does not exceed the state prescribed percentage in any school year. The blank preceding the percentage symbol shall be filled with a specific number. No word shall be inserted in the blank. The resolution shall specify a definite period of time for which the board shall be authorized to increase the local option budget and such period of time shall be expressed by the specific number of school years for which the board shall retain its authority to increase the local option budget. No word shall be used to express the number of years for which the board shall be authorized to increase the local option budget.

- (B) In lieu of the requirements of subpart (A) and at the discretion of the board, a resolution authorizing an increase in the local option budget of a district may state that the board of education of the district shall be continuously and permanently authorized to increase the local option budget of the district in each school year by a percentage which together with the percentage of the amount of state financial aid budgeted under subsection (a) does not exceed the state prescribed percentage in any school year.
- (4) A resolution authorizing an increase in the local option budget of a district shall state that the amount of the local option budget may be increased as authorized by the resolution unless a petition in opposition to such increase, signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 30 days after publication. If no petition is filed in accordance with the provisions of the resolution, the board is authorized to increase the local option budget of the district. If a petition is filed as provided in the resolution, the board may notify the county election officer of the date of an election to be held to submit the question of whether the board shall be authorized to increase the local option budget of the district. If the board fails to notify the county election officer within 30 days after a petition is filed, the resolution shall be deemed abandoned and no like resolution shall be adopted by the board within the nine months following publication of the resolution.
- (5) The requirements of provision (2) do not apply to any district that is continuously and permanently authorized to increase the local option budget of the district. An increase in the amount of a local option budget by such a district shall require a majority vote of the members of the board and shall require no other procedure, authorization or approval.
- (6) If any district is authorized to increase a local option budget, but the board of such district chooses, in any school year, not to adopt or increase such budget or chooses, in any school year, to adopt or increase

such budget in an amount less than the amount authorized, such board of education may so choose. If the board of any district refrains from adopting or increasing a local option budget in any one or more school years or refrains from budgeting the total amount authorized for any one or more school years, the amount authorized to be budgeted in any succeeding school year shall not be increased by such refrainment, nor shall the authority of the district to increase its local option budget be extended by such refrainment beyond the period of time specified in the resolution authorizing an increase in the local option budget if the resolution specified such a period of time.

- Whenever an initial resolution has been adopted under this subsection, and such resolution specified a percentage which together with the percentage of the amount of state financial aid budgeted under subsection (a) is less than the state prescribed percentage, the board of the district may adopt one or more subsequent resolutions under the same procedure as provided for the initial resolution and shall be authorized to increase the percentage as specified in any such subsequent resolution. If the initial resolution specified a definite period of time for which the district is authorized to increase its local option budget, the authority to increase such budget by the percentage specified in any subsequent resolution shall be limited to the remainder of the period of time specified in the initial resolution. Any percentage specified in a subsequent resolution or in subsequent resolutions shall be limited so that the sum of the percentage authorized in the initial resolution and the percentage authorized in the subsequent resolution or in subsequent resolutions together with the percentage of the amount of state financial aid budgeted under subsection (a) is not in excess of the state prescribed percentage in any school year.
- (8) (A) Subject to the provisions of subpart (B), the board of any district that has adopted a local option budget under subsection (a), has been authorized to increase such budget under a resolution which specified a definite period of time for retention of such authorization, and has levied a tax under authority of K.S.A. 72-6435, and amendments thereto, may initiate, at any time after the final levy is certified to the county clerk under any current authorization, procedures to renew the authority to increase the local option budget subject to the conditions and in the manner specified in provisions (2) and (3) of this subsection.
- (B) The provisions of subpart (A) do not apply to the board of any district that is continuously and permanently authorized to increase the local option budget of the district.
 - (9) As used in this subsection:
- (A) "Authorized to increase a local option budget" means either that a district has held a special election under provision (2)(B) by which au-

thority of the board to increase a local option budget was approved, or that a district has adopted a resolution under provision (2) (A), has published the same, and either that the resolution was not protested or that it was protested and an election was held by which the authority of the board to increase a local option budget was approved.

- (B) "State prescribed percentage" means 25% 30%.
- (c) To the extent the provisions of the foregoing subsections conflict with this subsection, this subsection shall control. Any district that is authorized to adopt a local option budget in the 1997-98 school year under a resolution which authorized the adoption of such budget in accordance with the provisions of this section prior to its amendment by this act may continue to operate under such resolution for the period of time specified in the resolution or may abandon the resolution and operate under the provisions of this section as amended by this act. Any such district shall operate under the provisions of this section as amended by this act after the period of time specified in the resolution has expired.
- (d) (1) There is hereby established in every district that adopts a local option budget a fund which shall be called the supplemental general fund. The fund shall consist of all amounts deposited therein or credited thereto according to law.
- (2) Subject to the limitation imposed under provision (3), amounts in the supplemental general fund may be expended for any purpose for which expenditures from the general fund are authorized or may be transferred to the general fund of the district or to any program weighted fund or categorical fund of the district.
- (3) Amounts in the supplemental general fund may not be expended nor transferred to the general fund of the district for the purpose of making payments under any lease-purchase agreement involving the acquisition of land or buildings which is entered into pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 72-8225, and amendments thereto.
- (4) Any unexpended and unencumbered cash balance remaining in the supplemental general fund of a district at the conclusion of any school year in which a local option budget is adopted shall be disposed of as provided in this subsection. If the district did not receive supplemental general state aid in the school year and the board of the district determines that it will be necessary to adopt a local option budget in the ensuing school year, the total amount of the cash balance remaining in the supplemental general fund shall be maintained in such fund or transferred to the general fund of the district. If the board of such a district determines that it will not be necessary to adopt a local option budget in the ensuing school year, the total amount of the cash balance remaining in the supplemental general fund shall be transferred to the general fund of the district. If the district received supplemental general state aid in

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the school year, transferred or expended the entire amount budgeted in the local option budget for the school year, and determines that it will be necessary to adopt a local option budget in the ensuing school year, the 3 total amount of the cash balance remaining in the supplemental general fund shall be maintained in such fund or transferred to the general fund 5 of the district. If such a district determines that it will not be necessary 6 to adopt a local option budget in the ensuing school year, the total amount 7 of the cash balance remaining in the supplemental general fund shall be 8 transferred to the general fund of the district. If the district received 9 supplemental general state aid in the school year, did not transfer or 10 expend the entire amount budgeted in the local option budget for the 11 school year, and determines that it will not be necessary to adopt a local 12 option budget in the ensuing school year, the total amount of the cash 13 balance remaining in the supplemental general fund shall be transferred 14 15 to the general fund of the district. If the district received supplemental general state aid in the school year, did not transfer or expend the entire 16 17 amount budgeted in the local option budget for the school year, and determines that it will be necessary to adopt a local option budget in the 18 ensuing school year, the state board shall determine the ratio of the 19 20 amount of supplemental general state aid received to the amount of the 21 local option budget of the district for the school year and multiply the total amount of the cash balance remaining in the supplemental general 22 23 fund by such ratio. An amount equal to the amount of the product shall be transferred to the general fund of the district. The amount remaining 24 25 in the supplemental general fund may be maintained in such fund or 26 transferred to the general fund of the district. 27

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Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-6410 and 72-6433 are hereby repealed. Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.