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HOUSE BILL No. 2929

By Representative Newton

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AN ACT concerning school districts; authorizing the levy of a technology education tax; amending K.S.A. 72-3703 and repealing the existing section.

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

New Section 1. The board of education of any school district may make an annual tax levy upon the taxable tangible property in the school district for purposes specified in K.S.A. 72-3703, and amendments thereto.

- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-3703 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-3703. (a) The board of education of any school district may develop, implement and maintain technology education programs, and may acquire equipment necessary for such programs.
- (b) (1) There is hereby established in every school district a fund which shall be called the technology education fund. The technology education fund shall consist of all moneys deposited therein or transferred thereto in accordance with law. Except for an amount to pay a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district, the proceeds of any tax levied under K.S.A. 72-3702, prior to its repeal by this act and the proceeds of any tax levied under section 1, and amendments thereto, shall be paid to the school district making such levy and shall be deposited in the technology education fund of the school district.
- (2) Any moneys in the technology education fund of any school district and any moneys received from issuance of bonds under authority of K.S.A. 72-3704, prior to its repeal by this act and the proceeds of any tax levied under section 1, and amendments thereto, may be used for the purpose of developing, implementing or enhancing technology education programs and, for acquiring equipment necessary for such programs and maintaining technology for the instructional and administrative functions of the district. The board of education of any school district is hereby authorized to invest any portion of the technology education fund of the school district which is not currently needed in investments authorized by K.S.A. 12-1675, and amendments thereto, in the manner prescribed

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therein or may invest the same in direct obligations of the United States government maturing or redeemable at par and accrued interest within three years from date of purchase, the principal and interest whereof is guaranteed by the government of the United States. All interest received on any such investment shall upon receipt thereof be credited to the technology education fund.

- (c) As used in this section, $section\ 1$ and in K.S.A. 72-3710, and amendments thereto, the term "technology education program" means a program to incorporate electronic computer and communications technologies into educational programs of the school district, including improvement and integration of on-line information management and communications systems in all application areas.
 - Sec. 3. K.S.A. 72-3703 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.