

SENATE Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2399

AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to the powers and duties thereof; relating to the financing thereof; amending K.S.A. 10-1116a, as amended by section 2 of 2003 Senate Bill No. 4, 72-6417, 72-6431 and 72-6434 and K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 79-201x and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 10-1116a, as amended by section 2 of 2003 Senate Bill No. 4, is hereby amended to read as follows: 10-1116a. The limitations on expenditures imposed under the cash-basis law shall not apply to:

(a) Expenditures in excess of current revenues made for municipally owned and operated utilities out of the fund of such utilities caused by, or resulting from the meeting of, extraordinary emergencies including drought emergencies. In such cases expenditures in excess of current revenues may be made by declaring an extraordinary emergency by resolution adopted by the governing body and such resolution shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in such city. Thereupon, such governing body may issue interest bearing no-fund warrants on such utility fund in an amount, including outstanding previously issued no-fund warrants, not to exceed 25% of the revenues from sales of service of such utility for the preceding year. Such warrants shall be redeemed within three years from date of issuance and shall bear interest at a rate of not to exceed the maximum rate of interest prescribed by K.S.A. 10-1009, and amendments thereto. Upon the declaration of a drought emergency, the governing body may issue such warrants for water system improvement purposes in an amount not to exceed 50% of the revenue received from the sale of water for the preceding year. Such warrants shall be redeemed within five years from the date of issuance and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate of interest prescribed by K.S.A. 10-1009, and amendments thereto.

(b) Expenditures *in any month* by school districts which are in excess of current revenues if the deficit or shortage in revenues is caused by, or a result of, the ~~late distribution~~ *payment of state aid after the date prescribed for the payment of state aid during such month* under K.S.A. 72-6417 or 72-6434, and amendments thereto.

The provisions of this subsection shall apply to expenditures made in school year 2001-2002, school year 2002-2003, school year 2003-2004, school year 2004-2005, school year 2005-2006 and school year 2006-2007.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-6417 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6417. (a) The distribution of general state aid under this act shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts each year as provided in this section.

(b) (1) In the months of July through May of each school year, the state board shall determine the amount of general state aid which will be required by each district to maintain operations in each such month. In making such determination, the state board shall take into consideration the district's access to local effort sources and the obligations of the general fund which must be satisfied during the month. The amount determined by the state board under this provision is the amount of general state aid which will be distributed to the district in the months of July through May;

(2) in the month of June of each school year, *subject to the provisions of subsection (d)*, payment shall be made of the full amount of the general state aid entitlement determined for the school year, less the sum of the monthly payments made in the months of July through May.

(c) *The state board of education shall prescribe the dates upon which the distribution of payments of general state aid to school districts shall be due.* Payments of general state aid shall be distributed to districts once each month ~~at a time to be determined~~ *on the dates prescribed* by the state board. The state board shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the amount due as general state aid to each district in each of the months of July through June. Such certification, and the amount of general state aid payable from the state general fund, shall be approved by the director of the budget. The director of accounts and reports shall draw warrants on the state treasurer payable to the district treasurer of each district entitled to payment of general state aid, pursuant to vouchers approved by the state board. Upon receipt of such warrant, each district treasurer shall deposit the amount of general state aid in the general fund, except that, an amount equal to the amount of federal impact aid not

included in the local effort of a district may be disposed of as provided in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 72-6427, and amendments thereto.

(d) If any amount of general state aid that is due to be paid during the month of June of a school year pursuant to the other provisions of this section is not paid on or before June 30 of such school year, then such payment shall be paid on or after the ensuing July 1, as soon as moneys are available therefor. Any payment of general state aid that is due to be paid during the month of June of a school year and that is paid to school districts on or after the ensuing July 1 shall be recorded and accounted for by school districts as a receipt for the school year ending on the preceding June 30.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 72-6434 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6434. (a) In each school year, each district that has adopted a local option budget is eligible for entitlement to an amount of supplemental general state aid. Entitlement of a district to supplemental general state aid shall be determined by the state board as provided in this subsection. The state board shall:

(1) Determine the amount of the assessed valuation per pupil in the preceding school year of each district in the state;

(2) rank the districts from low to high on the basis of the amounts of assessed valuation per pupil determined under (1);

(3) identify the amount of the assessed valuation per pupil located at the 75th percentile of the amounts ranked under (2);

(4) divide the assessed valuation per pupil of the district in the preceding school year by the amount identified under (3);

(5) subtract the ratio obtained under (4) from 1.0. If the resulting ratio equals or exceeds 1.0, the eligibility of the district for entitlement to supplemental general state aid shall lapse. If the resulting ratio is less than 1.0, the district is entitled to receive supplemental general state aid in an amount which shall be determined by the state board by multiplying the amount of the local option budget of the district by such ratio. The product is the amount of supplemental general state aid the district is entitled to receive for the school year.

(b) If the amount of appropriations for supplemental general state aid is less than the amount each district is entitled to receive for the school year, the state board shall prorate the amount appropriated among the districts in proportion to the amount each district is entitled to receive.

(c) The state board of education shall prescribe the dates upon which the distribution of payments of supplemental general state aid to school districts shall be due. Payments of supplemental general state aid shall be distributed to districts at a time to be determined on the dates prescribed by the state board. The state board shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the amount due each district, and the director of accounts and reports shall draw a warrant on the state treasurer payable to the treasurer of the district. Upon receipt of the warrant, the treasurer of the district shall credit the amount thereof to the supplemental general fund of the district to be used for the purposes of such fund.

~~(d) The provisions of this section shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 1992.~~

(d) If any amount of supplemental general state aid that is due to be paid during the month of June of a school year pursuant to the other provisions of this section is not paid on or before June 30 of such school year, then such payment shall be paid on or after the ensuing July 1, as soon as moneys are available therefor. Any payment of supplemental general state aid that is due to be paid during the month of June of a school year and that is paid to school districts on or after the ensuing July 1 shall be recorded and accounted for by school districts as a receipt for the school year ending on the preceding June 30.

New Sec. 4. Whenever a school district is required by law to make any payment during the month of June and there is insufficient revenue to make such payment as a result of the payment of state aid after the date prescribed by the state board of education pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6417 or 72-6434, and amendments thereto, the school district shall make such payment as soon as moneys are available.

New Sec. 5. (a) If the proposition to consolidate school districts is approved as provided in K.S.A. 72-8704, and amendments thereto, the temporary board of education specified in the agreement pursuant to

K.S.A. 72-8702, and amendments thereto, shall have the power to enter into contracts, adopt resolutions and take other such actions as it deems necessary to provide for the maintenance, finance and operation of the consolidated unified school district. The temporary board shall have the power to recognize a professional employees' organization for the purpose of professional negotiation. The temporary board shall have the power to enter into contracts of employment for all personnel it deems necessary for operation of the consolidated unified school district.

(b) No powers granted pursuant to this section shall be exercised sooner than 90 days prior to the effective date of the consolidation of such school districts.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 72-6431 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6431. (a) The board of each district shall levy an ad valorem tax upon the taxable tangible property of the district in the school years specified in subsection (b) for the purpose of:

(1) Financing that portion of the district's general fund budget which is not financed from any other source provided by law;

(2) paying a portion of the costs of operating and maintaining public schools in partial fulfillment of the constitutional obligation of the legislature to finance the educational interests of the state; and

(3) with respect to any redevelopment district established prior to July 1, 1997, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1771, and amendments thereto, paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the district.

(b) The tax required under subsection (a) shall be levied at a rate of 20 mills in the ~~2001-02 school year and in the 2002-03 school year~~ *school year 2003-2004 and school year 2004-2005.*

(c) The proceeds from the tax levied by a district under authority of this section, except the proceeds of such tax levied for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the district, shall be deposited in the general fund of the district.

(d) On June 1 of each year, the amount, if any, by which a district's local effort exceeds the amount of the district's state financial aid, as determined by the state board, shall be remitted to the state treasurer. Upon receipt of any such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the same in the state treasury to the credit of the state school district finance fund.

(e) No district shall proceed under K.S.A. 79-1964, 79-1964a or 79-1964b, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 79-201x is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-201x. For taxable years ~~2001 and 2002~~ *2003 and 2004*, the following described property, to the extent herein specified, shall be and is hereby exempt from the property tax levied pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 72-6431, and amendments thereto: Property used for residential purposes to the extent of \$20,000 of its appraised valuation.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 10-1116a, as amended by section 2 of 2003 Senate Bill No. 4, 72-6417, 72-6431 and 72-6434 and K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 79-201x are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

HOUSE concurred in
SENATE amendments _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.