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HOUSE Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 250

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to capital improvements; state aid; amending K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 75-2319 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 75-2319 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-2319. (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the school district capital improvements fund. The fund shall consist of all amounts transferred thereto under the provisions of subsection (c). The school district capital improvements fund is abolished when all the obligations of the fund cease.

- (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (f), in each school year, each school district which is obligated to make payments from its bond and interest fund shall be entitled to receive payment from the school district capital improvements fund in an amount determined by the state board of education as provided in this subsection. The state board of education shall:
- (1) Determine the amount of the assessed valuation per pupil (AVPP) of each school district in the state and round such amount to the nearest \$1,000. The rounded amount is the AVPP of a school district for the purposes of this section;
 - (2) determine the median AVPP of all school districts;
- (3) prepare a schedule of dollar amounts using the amount of the median AVPP of all school districts as the point of beginning. The schedule of dollar amounts shall range upward in equal \$1,000 intervals from the point of beginning to and including an amount that is equal to the amount of the AVPP of the school district with the highest AVPP of all school districts and shall range downward in equal \$1,000 intervals from the point of beginning to and including an amount that is equal to the amount of the AVPP of the school district with the lowest AVPP of all school districts;
- (4) determine a state aid percentage factor for each school district by assigning a state aid computation percentage to the amount of the median AVPP shown on the schedule, decreasing the state aid computation per-

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centage assigned to the amount of the median AVPP by one percentage point for each \$1,000 interval above the amount of the median AVPP, and increasing the state aid computation percentage assigned to the amount of the median AVPP by one percentage point for each \$1,000 interval below the amount of the median AVPP. The state aid percentage factor of a school district is the percentage assigned to the schedule amount that is equal to the amount of the AVPP of the school district, except that the state aid percentage factor of a school district shall not exceed 100%. The state aid computation percentage is 5% for contractual bond obligations incurred by a school district on or after the effective date of this act July 1, 1992, and 25% for contractual bond obligations incurred by a school district on or after the effective date of this act July 1, 1992 through June 30, 2003, and 25% for contractual bond obligations incurred by a school district on or after July 1, 2006;

- (5) determine the amount of payments in the aggregate that a school district is obligated to make from its bond and interest fund and, of such amount, compute the amount attributable to contractual bond obligations incurred by the school district prior to the effective date of this act and July 1, 1992, the amount attributable to contractual bond obligations incurred by the school district on or after the effective date of this act July 1, 1992 through June 30, 2003, and the amount attributable to contractual bond obligations incurred by the school district on or after July 1, 2006;
- (6) multiply each of the amounts computed under (5) by the applicable state aid percentage factor;
- (7) add the products obtained under (6). The amount of the sum is the amount of payment the school district is entitled to receive from the school district capital improvements fund in the school year.
- (c) The state board of education shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the entitlements of school districts determined under the provisions of subsection (b), and an amount equal thereto shall be transferred by the director from the state general fund to the school district capital improvements fund for distribution to school districts. All transfers made in accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall be considered to be demand transfers from the state general fund, except that all such transfers during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, shall be considered revenue transfers from the state general fund.
- (d) Payments from the school district capital improvements fund shall be distributed to school districts at times determined by the state board of education to be necessary to assist school districts in making scheduled payments pursuant to contractual bond obligations. The state board of education shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the amount due each school district entitled to payment from the fund, and the director of accounts and reports shall draw a warrant on the state treasurer

payable to the treasurer of the school district. Upon receipt of the warrant, the treasurer of the school district shall credit the amount thereof to the bond and interest fund of the school district to be used for the purposes of such fund.

- (e) The provisions of this section apply only to contractual obligations incurred by school districts pursuant to general obligation bonds issued upon approval of a majority of the qualified electors of the school district voting at an election upon the question of the issuance of such bonds which occurred prior to July 1, 2003 and on or after July 1, 2006.
- (f) (1) Except as provided further, on and after July 1, 2003 and prior to June 30, 2006, school districts are not entitled to receive payments from the school district capital improvements fund for any general obligation bonds issued after July 1, 2003 and prior to June 30, 2006. During the period of time from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006, school districts are entitled to receive annual payments from the school district capital improvements fund for outstanding bonds on June 30, 2003, and bonds the issuance of which has been approved at an election held on or before June 30, 2003, in an amount determined by the state board of education as provided in subsection (b) sufficient to retire such bonds and to pay the interest thereon.
- (2) On and after July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006, school districts which reorganize and consolidate in accordance with article 87 of chapter 72 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, are entitled to receive payments from the school district capital improvements fund, pursuant to subsection (b), for any general obligation bonds issued after July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006, if such school district has first presented to and received approval for the plan to purchase or improve a site or sites, construct, furnish, equip, repair, remodel or make additions to buildings necessary for school district purposes or issue bonds therefor from the joint committee on state building construction [state building advisory commission, created pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3780, and **amendments thereto**]. The plan shall include information on long-term demographics; available space in area school buildings or school districts; potential growth or decline of the area; new construction of buildings in the area; sustained growth of student population; and financial condition of the school district, including but not limited to, the amount of debt of such district. Such school district shall further advise and consult on such capital improvement project with the committee [commission].
- (3) On and after July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006, school districts are entitled to receive payments from the school district capital improvements fund, pursuant to subsection (b), for any general obligation bonds issued after July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006, if such school district has first presented to and received approval for the plan to purchase or im-

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prove a site or sites, construct, furnish, equip, repair, remodel or make additions to buildings necessary for school district purposes or issue bonds therefor from the joint committee on state building construction [state building advisory commission]. Capital improvements allowed by this paragraph shall be limited to school districts that can show a verifiable need, such as exceptional enrollment growth over a three-year period or damage to a building. Such school district shall further advise and consult on such capital improvement project with the committee [commission]. [As used in this subsection, "exceptional enrollment growth" means a yearly average of a 3.5% increase in full time equivalent enrollment over a three-year period or an increase of at least 200 full time pupils per year over a three-year period.]

- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 75-2319 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.