

HOUSE BILL No. 2481

By Representative Carter

12-15

AN ACT relating to school districts; concerning local option budgets.

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

Section 1. It is the intent of this act to provide a mechanism that will:

(a) Assist districts that have performed in the lower half of state assessment results in mathematics and reading;

(b) assist school districts in meeting the no child left behind program standards for annual yearly progress;

(c) provide school districts that are utilizing their full local option budget authority with the ability to raise additional funds to educate their students while also assisting other school districts that have low performance results on state assessments in mathematics and reading; and

(d) further the goal of total equality of educational opportunities for all Kansas students.

Sec. 2. (a) School districts that adopt a local option budget that is at 25% of the district's general fund budget may increase their district's local option budget by any amount determined by the school board. The adoption of any such increase shall require a majority vote of the members of the school board and shall require no other procedure, authorization, or approval.

(b) Fifty percent of the amount that exceeds the 25% of the district's general fund budget shall be remitted annually by the school district to the state board of education on a date specified by such board. Such funds shall be deposited in the school redistribution fund which is hereby created in the state treasury.

(c) The state board shall deduct from amounts received pursuant to subsection (b) an amount equal to the total supplemental state aid attributable to that portion of each school district's local option budget that exceeds 25% of the school district's general fund budget. The remaining amount shall be distributed pursuant to subsection (d).

(d) The moneys remaining after deductions pursuant to subsection (c) shall be distributed in the following school year on the date specified by the state board of education. Such distribution shall be made by the state board of education on a full-time equivalent per pupil basis to those school districts that, in the prior school year, performed at or below the

1 median among all Kansas school districts on state assessments in reading
2 and mathematics.

3 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
4 publication in the statute book.

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