

SENATE BILL No. 374

By Committee on Education

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AN ACT establishing the Kansas school board development program.

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

Section 1. There is established the Kansas school board development program. As used in this act, "school board" means the board of education of a unified school district.

Sec. 2. The state board of education shall adopt rules and regulations for administration of the Kansas school board development program and shall prescribe and adopt standards and procedures for accreditation of sponsors of courses, programs or other school board development activities for school board members. The state board of education may establish reasonable fees to offset the cost of administering the program.

Sec. 3. (a) Each member of a school board shall earn a minimum of ten credit hours of board development in each year.

(b) Credit hours shall be reported to the state board of education in such form and manner prescribed by the state board.

(c) The state board may grant waivers or extensions of time to complete development program requirements because of hardship, disability or other good cause.

Sec. 4. (a) An organization or person desiring accreditation as a sponsor of courses, programs or other school board development activities for board members of this state, may apply for accreditation to the state board. The state board shall accredit a sponsor if the state board is satisfied that the sponsor's program will meet the standards prescribed under section 2, and amendments thereto, and the sponsor pays the fee, if any, required by the state board.

(b) The state board may reevaluate, at any time, an accredited sponsor. If after such reevaluation, the state board finds there is cause for revocation of the accreditation of a sponsor, the state board, after a hearing held upon 30 days' written notice, may revoke the accreditation of the sponsor. If the state board determines that a course fails to meet the standards for accreditation, it may deny or withdraw approval for the course even though offered by an accredited sponsor.

Sec. 5. A school board member seeking credit for attendance at or participation in an educational activity which was conducted by a non-

1 accredited sponsor or which otherwise was nonaccredited may submit to
2 the state board a request for credit. Such request shall include a descrip-
3 tion of the activity, dates, subjects, instructors and their qualifications, the
4 number of credit hours requested and any fee or other information re-
5 quired by the state board. Within 90 days after receipt of such request,
6 the state board shall advise the school board member in writing whether
7 development credit has been granted and if granted the amount of credit
8 allowed.

9 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
10 publication in the statute book.

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