## SENATE BILL No. 514

By Senator Journey

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AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to attendance of pupils residing outside the district; amending K.S.A. 72-1046 and 72-1046a and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 72-1046b.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 72-1046 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-1046. (a) Any child who has attained the age of eligibility for school attendance may attend school in the district in which the child lives if (1) the child lives with a resident of the district and the resident is the parent, or a person acting as parent, of the child; or (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (c), the child lives in the district as a result of placement therein by a district court or by the secretary of social and rehabilitation services; or (3) the child is a homeless child.

- (b) Any child who has attained the age of eligibility for school attendance may attend school in a school district in which the child is not a resident if the *receiving* school district in which the child resides has entered into an agreement with such other school district in accordance with and under authority of K.S.A. 72-8233, and amendments thereto so approves.
- (c) Any child who has attained the age of eligibility for school attendance and who lives at the Judge James V. Riddel Boys Ranch as a result of placement at such ranch by a district court or by the secretary of social and rehabilitation services shall be deemed a resident of unified school district No. 259, Sedgwick county, Kansas, and any such child may attend school which shall be maintained for such child by the board of education of such school district as in the case of a child who is a bona fide resident of the district.
  - (d) As used in this section:
- (1) "Parent" means and includes natural parents, adoptive parents, stepparents, and foster parents;
- (2) "Person acting as parent" means (A) a guardian or conservator, or (B) a person, other than a parent, who is liable by law to maintain, care for, or support the child, or who has actual care and control of the child and is contributing the major portion of the cost of support of the child, or who has actual care and control of the child with the written

consent of a person who has legal custody of the child, or who has been granted custody of the child by a court of competent jurisdiction<del>, and</del>.

- (3) "Homeless child" means a child who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and whose primary nighttime residence is (A) a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill); or (B) an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or (C) a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- (4) "Receiving school district" means a school district of nonresidence of a child.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-1046a is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-1046a. (a) The board of education of any school district is hereby authorized to may permit pupils who are not residents of the school district to enroll in and attend the schools of the district. The board of education may permit such pupils to attend school without charge or, subject to the provisions of subsection (b), may charge such pupils for attendance at school to offset, totally or in part, the costs of providing for such attendance. Amounts received under this subsection by the board of education of a school district for enrollment and attendance of pupils at school in regular educational programs shall be deposited in the general fund of the school district.
- (b) Pupils who are not residents of a school district and are attending the schools of the school district in accordance with the provisions of an agreement entered into under authority of pursuant to K.S.A. 72-8233, and amendments thereto, shall not be charged for attendance at school. The costs of providing for the attendance of such pupils at school shall be paid by the school district of residence of the pupils in accordance with the provisions of the agreement.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting pupils residing in a district which has not entered into an agreement with another district pursuant to K.S.A. 82-8233, and amendments thereto, from attending schools of such other district.

New Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Receiving school district" means a school district of nonresidence of a pupil.
- (2) "Sending school district" means a school district of residence of a pupil.
- (3) "Pupil" means a person who is enrolled and in attendance at school in a receiving school district.
- 42 (b) The parent or legal guardian of any pupil may apply to the board 43 of education of a sending school district on or before July 15 of the current

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school year for authority for such pupil to be furnished or provided transportation to school from the pupil's residence and from school to the pupil's residence by the receiving school district. The application shall be made upon forms prescribed by the state board of education.

- (c) Upon receiving any application under this section, the board of education of a sending school district shall inquire of the receiving school district whether it is willing to furnish or provide transportation for the pupil named in the application. If the board of education of the sending school district determines that the receiving school district is willing to furnish or provide transportation for the pupil, the board of the sending school district shall issue an order authorizing the furnishing or provision of transportation by the receiving school district for the affected pupil to school from the pupil's residence and to the pupil's residence from school.
- (d) Pupils attending school in a receiving school district under the provisions of this section shall be counted as regularly enrolled in and attending school in the receiving school district for the purpose of computations. No such pupil shall be charged for the costs of attendance at school in a receiving school district.
- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 72-1046, 72-1046a and 72-1046b are hereby repealed. Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.