

HOUSE BILL No. 2349

By Committee on Education

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9 AN ACT concerning school districts; enacting the Kansas advanced
10 placement grant program act.

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

13 Section 1. (a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas
14 advanced placement grant program act.

15 (b) As used in this section:

16 (1) “Advanced placement course” means a high school level prepar-
17 atory course for a college advanced placement test that incorporates all
18 topics specified by the college board and educational testing service on
19 its standard syllabus for a given subject area and is approved by the college
20 board and educational testing service.

21 (2) “Preadvanced placement course” means a middle school, junior
22 high school or high school level course that specifically prepares students
23 to enroll and participate in an advanced placement course.

24 (3) “Board” means the state board of education.

25 (4) “College advanced placement test” means the advanced place-
26 ment test administered by the college board and educational testing
27 service.

28 (5) “College board” means the college board and educational testing
29 service.

30 (6) “International baccalaureate diploma program” means an inter-
31 national education program offered by the international baccalaureate
32 organization.

33 (7) “Program” means the Kansas advanced placement grant program.

34 (8) “Student” means any middle school student, junior high school
35 student or high school student who scores above proficient or exceeds
36 the standard established by the state board on either the mathematics or
37 reading state assessments.

38 (c) In order to provide advanced educational courses that will prepare
39 students for admission to and success in a postsecondary educational en-
40 vironment and to make such courses easily accessible to students through-
41 out the state, there is hereby established the Kansas advanced placement
42 grant program. The program shall be administered by the state board.

43 (d) Subject to the limitations of appropriations therefor and based on

1 criteria established by the state board, any school district participating in
2 the program may be awarded a one-time equipment and instructional
3 materials grant for providing an advanced placement course or a course
4 offered under the international baccalaureate diploma program.

5 (e) Subject to the limitations of appropriations therefor, the state
6 board may award a grant to pay in full or in part, the cost of the advanced
7 placement test fee or the equivalent test fee under the international bac-
8 calaureate diploma program.

9 (f) Subject to the limitations of appropriations therefor, each school
10 year any school district which has reimbursed teachers for the cost of
11 completing teacher training of advanced placement courses or preadv-
12 anced placement courses is eligible to receive a grant of state moneys in
13 an amount to be determined by the state board.

14 (g) In order to be eligible for a grant under this section, the board of
15 education of the school district shall submit to the state board an appli-
16 cation for a grant. The application shall be prepared in such form and
17 manner as required by the state board and shall be submitted at a time
18 to be determined and specified by the state board.

19 (h) Each school district which is awarded a grant under this section
20 shall make such periodic and special reports to the state board as it may
21 request.

22 (i) All moneys received by a school district under authority of this
23 section shall be deposited in the general fund of the school district and
24 shall be considered reimbursement of the district for the purpose of the
25 school district finance and quality performance act. To the extent that
26 grant moneys have been awarded to the district, the board of education
27 of any district which has been awarded a grant pursuant to this section
28 shall reimburse teachers employed by the school district for the direct
29 costs incurred by such teacher in completing teacher training of advanced
30 placement courses or preadvanced placement courses.

31 (j) The state board shall establish standards and criteria for reviewing,
32 evaluating and approving applications for grants submitted pursuant to
33 this section. All grants shall be awarded by the state board in accordance
34 with the standards and criteria established by the state board. The state
35 board shall approve applications of school districts for grants, determine
36 the amount of grants and be responsible for payment of grants to school
37 districts. If the amount of appropriations for the payment of grants under
38 this section is insufficient to pay in full the amount each school district is
39 determined to be eligible to receive for the school year, the state board
40 shall prorate the amount appropriated among all school districts which
41 are eligible to receive grants of state moneys in proportion to the amount
42 each school district is determined to be eligible to receive.

43 (k) The board may adopt any rules and regulations deemed necessary

1 to implement the provisions of this section.
2 Sec. 2. (a) The board of education of any school district may reim-
3 burse any teacher employed by the school district for the direct costs
4 incurred by such teacher in completing teacher training of advanced
5 placement courses or preadvanced placement courses.
6 (b) The board of education of any school district may pay the cost of
7 the advanced placement test fee or the equivalent test fee under the
8 international baccalaureate diploma program.
9 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
10 publication in the statute book.