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HOUSE BILL No. 2608

By Legislative Educational Planning Committee

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9 AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to enrollment; amending 10 K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 72-6407 and repealing the existing section.

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

New Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

- (1) Words and phrases used in this section shall have the meanings ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 72-6407, and amendments thereto, except as provided by paragraphs (2), (3) and (4).
- (2) "School district" means a school district in which: (A) A disaster has occurred and which is located in an area in which the governor has issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster emergency pursuant to K.S.A. 48-924, and amendments thereto, and the president of the United States, pursuant to the federal Robert T. Stafford disaster relief and emergency assistance act and the federal disaster relief and emergency assistance amendments of 1988, has declared a major disaster to exist; and (B) as a result of the destruction or damage to housing caused by such disaster the enrollment of the district declined by at least 25 pupils or by a number equal to 2% or more of the district's enrollment.
- (3) "Disaster" means the occurrence of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or manmade cause including, but not limited to, fire, flood, earthquake, tornado, wind, storm, drought, epidemics, air contamination, blight, infestation or explosion and as a result of such disaster.
- (4) "Base school year" means the school year first preceding the school year in which the disaster first affected the enrollment of the school district.
- (b) When computing the general fund budget of a school district for the second, third and fourth school years following the base school year, the enrollment of the school district shall be the greater of:
- (1) The enrollment of the district as defined by subsection (e) of K.S.A. 72-6407, and amendments thereto; or
- (2) the enrollment of the school district in the base school year less any enrollment attributable to the special education weighting, school facilities weighting, ancillary school facilities weighting, cost of living weighting and preschool-aged at-risk pupils in the base school year; plus

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any enrollment attributable to the special education weighting, school facilities weighting, ancillary school facilities weighting, cost of living weighting and preschool-aged at-risk pupils in the current school year.

- (c) Districts desiring to determine enrollment under this section shall submit any documentation or information required by the state board.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 72-6407 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6407. (a) (1) "Pupil" means any person who is regularly enrolled in a district and attending kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 maintained by the district or who is regularly enrolled in a district and attending kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 in another district in accordance with an agreement entered into under authority of K.S.A. 72-8233, and amendments thereto, or who is regularly enrolled in a district and attending special education services provided for preschool-aged exceptional children by the district.
- Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a pupil in attendance full time shall be counted as one pupil. A pupil in attendance part time shall be counted as that proportion of one pupil (to the nearest ½10) that the pupil's attendance bears to full-time attendance. A pupil attending kindergarten shall be counted as ½ pupil. A pupil enrolled in and attending an institution of postsecondary education which is authorized under the laws of this state to award academic degrees shall be counted as one pupil if the pupil's postsecondary education enrollment and attendance together with the pupil's attendance in either of the grades 11 or 12 is at least 5% time, otherwise the pupil shall be counted as that proportion of one pupil (to the nearest 1/10) that the total time of the pupil's postsecondary education attendance and attendance in grade 11 or 12, as applicable, bears to full-time attendance. A pupil enrolled in and attending an area vocational school, area vocational-technical school or approved vocational education program shall be counted as one pupil if the pupil's vocational education enrollment and attendance together with the pupil's attendance in any of grades nine through 12 is at least 5% time, otherwise the pupil shall be counted as that proportion of one pupil (to the nearest ½10) that the total time of the pupil's vocational education attendance and attendance in any of grades nine through 12 bears to fulltime attendance. A pupil enrolled in a district and attending special education and related services, except special education and related services for preschool-aged exceptional children, provided for by the district shall be counted as one pupil. A pupil enrolled in a district and attending special education and related services for preschool-aged exceptional children provided for by the district shall be counted as ½ pupil. A preschoolaged at-risk pupil enrolled in a district and receiving services under an approved at-risk pupil assistance plan maintained by the district shall be counted as ½ pupil. A pupil in the custody of the secretary of social and

rehabilitation services or in the custody of the commissioner of juvenile justice and enrolled in unified school district No. 259, Sedgwick county, Kansas, but housed, maintained, and receiving educational services at the Judge James V. Riddel Boys Ranch, shall be counted as two pupils.

- (3) A pupil residing at the Flint Hills job corps center shall not be counted. A pupil confined in and receiving educational services provided for by a district at a juvenile detention facility shall not be counted. A pupil enrolled in a district but housed, maintained, and receiving educational services at a state institution shall not be counted. A pupil enrolled in a virtual school in a district but who is not a resident of the state of Kansas shall not be counted.
- (b) "Preschool-aged exceptional children" means exceptional children, except gifted children, who have attained the age of three years but are under the age of eligibility for attendance at kindergarten.
- (c) "At-risk pupils" means pupils who are eligible for free meals under the national school lunch act and who are enrolled in a district which maintains an approved at-risk pupil assistance plan.
- (d) "Preschool-aged at-risk pupil" means an at-risk pupil who has attained the age of four years, is under the age of eligibility for attendance at kindergarten, and has been selected by the state board in accordance with guidelines consonant with guidelines governing the selection of pupils for participation in head start programs.
- (e) "Enrollment" means: (1) (A) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (1)(B), for districts scheduling the school days or school hours of the school term on a trimestral or quarterly basis, the number of pupils regularly enrolled in the district on September 20 plus the number of pupils regularly enrolled in the district on February 20 less the number of pupils regularly enrolled on February 20 who were counted in the enrollment of the district on September 20; and for districts not specified in this paragraph (1), the number of pupils regularly enrolled in the district on September 20; (B) a pupil who is a foreign exchange student shall not be counted unless such student is regularly enrolled in the district on September 20 and attending kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 maintained by the district for at least one semester or two quarters or the equivalent thereof;
- (2) if enrollment in a district in any school year has decreased from enrollment in the preceding school year, enrollment of the district in the current school year means whichever is the greater of (A) enrollment in the preceding school year minus enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils were enrolled, plus enrollment in the current school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils are enrolled, or (B) the sum of enrollment in the current school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils are enrolled

and the average (mean) of the sum of (i) enrollment of the district in the current school year minus enrollment in such school year of preschoolaged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils are enrolled and (ii) enrollment in the preceding school year minus enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils were enrolled and (iii) enrollment in the school year next preceding the preceding school year minus enrollment in such school year of preschool-aged at-risk pupils, if any such pupils were enrolled; or

- (3) the number of pupils as determined under K.S.A. 72-6447 or, K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 72-6448 or section 1, and amendments thereto.
- (f) "Adjusted enrollment" means enrollment adjusted by adding atrisk pupil weighting, program weighting, low enrollment weighting, if any, density at-risk weighting, if any, nonproficient pupil weighting, if any, high enrollment weighting, if any, declining enrollment weighting, if any, school facilities weighting, if any, ancillary school facilities weighting, if any, special education and related services weighting, and transportation weighting to enrollment.
- (g) "At-risk pupil weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of enrollment of at-risk pupils.
- (h) "Program weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of pupil attendance in educational programs which differ in cost from regular educational programs.
- (i) "Low enrollment weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6412, and amendments thereto, on the basis of costs attributable to maintenance of educational programs by such districts in comparison with costs attributable to maintenance of educational programs by districts having to which high enrollment weighting is assigned pursuant to K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 72-6442b, and amendments thereto.
- (j) "School facilities weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of costs attributable to commencing operation of new school facilities.
- (k) "Transportation weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of costs attributable to the provision or furnishing of transportation.
- (l) "Cost of living weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts to which the provisions of K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 72-6449, and amendments thereto, apply on the basis of costs attributable to the cost of living in the district.
- (m) "Ancillary school facilities weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts to which the provisions of K.S.A. 72-6441, and amendments thereto, apply on the basis of costs attributable to commencing operation of new school facilities. Ancillary school facil-

ities weighting may be assigned to enrollment of a district only if the district has levied a tax under authority of K.S.A. 72-6441, and amendments thereto, and remitted the proceeds from such tax to the state treasurer. Ancillary school facilities weighting is in addition to assignment of school facilities weighting to enrollment of any district eligible for such weighting.

- (n) "Juvenile detention facility" has the meaning ascribed thereto by 72-8187, and amendments thereto.
- (o) "Special education and related services weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of costs attributable to provision of special education and related services for pupils determined to be exceptional children.
- (p) "Virtual school" means any kindergarten or grades one through 12 course offered for credit that uses distance-learning technologies which predominantly use internet-based methods to deliver instruction and for which the course content is available on an "anytime, anyplace" basis, but the instruction occurs asynchronously with the teacher and pupil in separate locations, not necessarily located within a local education agency.
- (q) "Declining enrollment weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts to which the provisions of K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 72-6451, and amendments thereto, apply on the basis of reduced revenues attributable to the declining enrollment of the district.
- (r) "High enrollment weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts pursuant to K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 72-6442b, and amendments thereto, on the basis of costs attributable to maintenance of educational programs by such districts as a correlate to low enrollment weighting assigned to enrollment of districts pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6412, and amendments thereto.
- (s) "High density at-risk pupil weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts to which the provisions of K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 72-6455, and amendments thereto, apply.
- (t) "Nonproficient pupil" means a pupil who is not eligible for free meals under the national school lunch act and who has scored less than proficient on the mathematics or reading state assessment during the preceding school year and who is enrolled in a district which maintains an approved proficiency assistance plan.
- (u) "Nonproficient pupil weighting" means an addend component assigned to enrollment of districts on the basis of enrollment of nonproficient pupils pursuant to K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 72-6454, and amendments thereto
- (v) "Psychiatric residential treatment facility" has the meaning ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 72-8187, and amendments thereto.

- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 72-6407 is hereby repealed. Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.