

HOUSE BILL No. 2301

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT providing for the phasing out and closure of the school for the
2 deaf and the school for the blind.

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

5 Section 1. (a) On and after the effective date of the act, the
6 state board of education shall commence planning for and provide for the
7 phase-out and ultimate closing of the Kansas state school for the deaf and
8 the Kansas state school for the blind.

9 (b) The board shall report on or before January 9, 2012, to the
10 governor, the committee on education of the senate, the committee on
11 education of the house of representatives, the committee on ways and
12 means of the senate and the committee on appropriations of the house of
13 representatives any recommendations the board may have concerning the
14 phase-out and closing of the Kansas state school for the deaf and the
15 Kansas state school for the blind. The report and recommendations shall
16 include, but not be limited to, the following: Options for alternative
17 placement of the students served by the two schools; recommendations
18 with regard to severance benefits for the staff and teachers of the two
19 schools; recommendations for the disposal of personal and real property
20 of the two schools; recommendations concerning legislation which might
21 be needed to carry out the closure of the two schools; and other matters as
22 the board deems appropriate.

23 (c) The Kansas state school for the deaf and the Kansas state
24 school for the blind shall be closed by the board and cease to exist as state
25 institutions on July 1, 2012.

26 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
27 publication in the statute book.

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