

SENATE BILL No. 33

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; creating the Kansas education standards
2 study commission.

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

5 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas education
6 standards study commission. The commission shall study and make
7 recommendations to the legislature for the adoption of measurable
8 standards to achieve the educational goal established in K.S.A. 72-1127(c),
9 and amendments thereto.

10 (b) (1) The Kansas education standards study commission shall
11 consist of nine voting members who shall be representative of business
12 and industry, school districts and postsecondary educational institutions,
13 and who shall be appointed as follows:

14 (A) Two shall be appointed by the president of the senate;

15 (B) two shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
16 representatives;

17 (C) one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

18 (D) one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of
19 representatives; and

20 (E) three shall be appointed by the governor.

21 (2) The commissioner of education, the president of the state board of
22 regents and the director of the budget shall be nonvoting, ex officio
23 members of the commission.

24 (c) The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate the
25 member to convene and organize the first meeting of the commission at
26 which time the commission shall elect from among its members a
27 chairperson. Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be
28 filled by appointment in the manner prescribed by this section for the
29 original appointment.

30 (d) A majority of all members shall constitute a quorum. All actions
31 of the commission shall be taken by a majority of all members of the
32 commission.

33 (e) Members of the commission shall receive expenses, mileage and
34 subsistence as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto.

35 (f) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the Kansas legislative
36 research department and other central legislative staff service agencies

1 shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the commission.

2 (g) The commission shall study and review:

3 (1) The desired end product of the state elementary and secondary
4 public school system in terms of preparing students for success after
5 completion of high school;

6 (2) whether the capacities set forth in K.S.A. 72-1127(c), and
7 amendments thereto, are sufficient standards with which to hold school
8 districts and public schools accountable for producing the desired end
9 product; and

10 (3) if such capacities are sufficient standards, what are appropriate
11 methods for measuring such standards to determine if school districts and
12 schools are achieving the educational goal established in K.S.A. 72-
13 1127(c), and amendments thereto.

14 (h) The commission shall prepare and submit a report to the
15 legislature on or before January 8, 2016, with findings and
16 recommendations which the commission deems necessary, including the
17 recommendation of any legislation.

18 (i) The provisions of this section shall expire on January 12, 2016.

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