

HOUSE BILL No. 2248

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to local health
2 departments; increasing state financial assistance to such departments
3 under specified circumstances; amending K.S.A. 65-242 and repealing
4 the existing section.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-242 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
8 242. For the purpose of ~~insuring~~ *ensuring* that adequate public health
9 services are available to all inhabitants of the state of Kansas, the state
10 shall assist in the financing of the operation of local health departments.
11 Subject to appropriations therefor, state financial assistance shall be
12 distributed to local health departments as follows:

13 (a) (1) First, each local health department ~~shall~~, upon application
14 therefor, *shall* receive: \$7,000 *if the allocation of total state financial*
15 *assistance for the applicable fiscal year is less than \$3,000,000; or*
16 *\$15,000 if the allocation of total state financial assistance for the*
17 *applicable fiscal year is \$3,000,000 or greater.*

18 (2) If sufficient funds are not available to make ~~this~~ *the* distribution
19 *specified in paragraph (1)*, then the funds ~~which that~~ are available shall be
20 divided equally among those local health departments making application
21 therefor.

22 (b) Second, if any funds are available after the distribution required in
23 subsection (a), the secretary shall distribute such funds as follows:

24 (1) A figure equal to the total amount of state financial assistance
25 available for distribution, before deduction for the distribution in
26 subsection (a), shall be determined.

27 (2) The figure determined in paragraph (1) ~~of this subsection~~ shall be
28 allocated to local health departments making application for assistance
29 based on the proportion that the population of the county or counties
30 comprising the local health department applying for such assistance bears
31 to the total population of all counties comprising local health departments
32 ~~which that~~ have applied for such financial assistance.

33 (3) If any local health department making application for assistance
34 would receive an amount equal to or less than ~~\$7,000~~ *the amount specified*
35 *in subsection (a)(1)* using the formula in paragraph (b)(2) ~~of this~~
36 ~~subsection~~, then such department shall be paid in accordance with

1 subsection (a) only. If any local health department making application for
2 assistance would receive more than ~~\$7,000~~ *the amount specified in*
3 *subsection (a)(1)* using the formula in paragraph (b)(2) ~~of this subsection~~,
4 then such department shall be paid based on the proportion that the
5 population served by the county or counties comprising such local health
6 department bears to the total population of all counties comprising local
7 health departments ~~which~~ *that* have made application for assistance,
8 except for departments receiving funds under subsection (a), except that in
9 no case shall the assistance distributed under this subsection ~~(b)~~ to a local
10 health department exceed the amount that the local health department
11 receives from local tax revenues for the county fiscal year in which the
12 state financial assistance is paid.

13 (c) If local tax revenues allotted to a local health department for a
14 fiscal year fall below the level of local tax revenues allotted to the local
15 health department for the preceding fiscal year, the amount of state
16 financial assistance under this act for which such local health department
17 is eligible for the fiscal year shall be reduced by a percentage equal to the
18 percentage of reduction in local tax revenue for that fiscal year.

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-242 is hereby repealed.

20 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
21 publication in the statute book.