

House Education

Oral Testimony In Support of House Bill 2223

Bill Brady, Schools For Fair Funding

Monday, February 20, 2023

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, HB 2223 would eliminate the current sunset on the high density at-risk weighting which currently is set for July 1, 2024. If you are looking at the bill, HB 2223 simply strikes the existing sunset on page 2, line 25. This would allow the high density at-risk weighting to continue within the school finance formula.

The net result of this change would put the high-density at-risk weighting in line with the remainder of the School Finance formula that is set to expire after the FY '27 budget. You might be asking, "Why does this weighting have a separate sunset date?" Part of the legislative process in 2018, along with providing the five year school funding plan, was to authorize a series of audits on the various components. The first audit, in 2019, was of the high density at-risk weighting. A motion was made at the time and approved by this committee to sunset high density in case the audit discovered problems. That audit was completed and, to the best of my knowledge, no changes were made to the weighting as the result of it. It was not totally clear to me at the time why the high density at-risk weighting was scheduled to sunset and the others, such as transportation and ESL, were not.

In the 2020 session, the Kansas Legislature extended this weighting through FY '24, which is the budget you are working on this session. We are bringing this issue to you today because 1) the money is vitally important to a vast majority of Kansas School Districts, and 2) budgetary planning and timing is such that districts need certainty that funding will remain in place to continue providing the supports in personnel, materials and programing critical to this student population. It would not be ideal for Kansas School Districts to be debating the sunset issue in the 2024 session with the weighting set to expire on July 1, 2024.

Today you are going to hear from a variety of School Districts on the unique challenges they face in their effort to serve the needs of their students and families. We welcome your assistance in addressing this problem and we are open to a variety of solutions. If a removal of the sunset is not an option then perhaps extending the date beyond June 30, 2024, would be a viable option to this committee. I would respectfully note that moving the sunset to July 1, 2027, would put it in conformity with the entire formula.

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101	Neosho	Erie-Galesburg	2.5	11,765	21.8	105,643
102	Gray	Cimarron-Ensign	0.0	0	2.5	12,115
103	Cheyenne	Cheylin	3.5	16,471	3.9	18,899
105	Rawlins	Rawlins County	3.7	17,412	5.9	28,591
106	Ness	Western Plains	5.9	27,765	7.5	36,345
107	Jewell	Rock Hills	1.8	8,471	7.9	38,283
108	Washington	Washington Co. Schools	0.0	0	1.7	8,238
109	Republic	Republic County	3.0	14,118	17.5	84,805
110	Phillips	Thunder Ridge Schools	0.0	0	2.8	13,569
111	Doniphan	Doniphan West Schools	0.0	0	2.9	14,053
112	Ellsworth	Central Plains	0.7	3,294	11.6	56,214
113	Nemaha	Prairie Hills	4.8	22,589	4.7	22,776
114	Doniphan	Riverside	0.0	0	19.5	94,497
115	Nemaha	Nemaha Central	0.0	0	0.0	0
200	Greeley	Greeley County Schools	0.9	4,235	1.9	9,207
202	Wyandotte	Turner-Kansas City	215.3	1,013,202	271.4	1,315,204
203	Wyandotte	Piper-Kansas City	0.0	0	0.0	0
204	Wyandotte	Bonner Springs	14.2	66,825	86.1	417,241
205	Butler	Bluestem	0.0	0	6.5	31,499
206	Butler	Remington-Whitewater	0.0	0	0.0	0
207	Leavenworth	Fort Leavenworth	0.0	0	0.0	0
208	Trego	Wakeeney	0.0	0	0.2	969
209	Stevens	Moscow Public Schools	0.2	941	7.2	34,891
210	Stevens	Hugoton Public Schools	27.8	130,827	54.6	264,592
211	Norton	Norton Community Schools	0.0	0	19.3	93,528
212	Norton	Northern Valley	3.0	14,118	5.0	24,230
214	Grant	Ulysses	30.9	145,415	91.5	443,409
215	Kearny	Lakin	8.1	38,119	28.6	138,596
216	Kearny	Deerfield	14.7	69,178	15.2	73,659
217	Morton	Rolla	4.7	22,118	5.6	27,138
218	Morton	Elkhart	4.6	21,648	13.2	63,967
219	Clark	Minneola	0.0	0	14.1	68,329
220	Clark	Ashland	0.0	0	0.0	0
223	Washington	Barnes	0.1	471	0.0	0
224	Washington	Clifton-Clyde	0.0	0	0.0	0
225	Meade	Fowler	1.8	8,471	4.0	19,384
226	Meade	Meade	0.0	0	11.4	55,244
227	Hodgeman	Hodgeman County Schools	0.0	0	0.6	2,908
229	Johnson	Blue Valley	0.0	0	0.0	0
230	Johnson	Spring Hill	0.0	0	0.0	0

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231	Johnson	Gardner Edgerton	0.0	0	21.8	105,643
232	Johnson	De Soto	0.0	0	4.1	19,869
233	Johnson	Olathe	102.8	483,777	260.6	1,262,868
234	Bourbon	Fort Scott	75.6	355,774	101.2	490,415
235	Bourbon	Uniontown	12.7	59,766	29.2	141,503
237	Smith	Smith Center	0.0	0	5.4	26,168
239	Ottawa	North Ottawa County	0.0	0	10.2	49,429
240	Ottawa	Twin Valley	5.1	24,001	11.7	56,698
241	Wallace	Wallace County Schools	0.0	0	0.0	0
242	Wallace	Weskan	0.0	0	0.0	0
243	Coffey	Lebo-Waverly	0.0	0	2.8	13,569
244	Coffey	Burlington	0.0	0	6.5	31,499
245	Coffey	LeRoy-Gridley	4.4	20,706	9.7	47,006
246	Crawford	Northeast	26.4	124,238	33.4	161,856
247	Crawford	Cherokee	23.6	111,062	30.3	146,834
248	Crawford	Girard	3.6	16,942	28.7	139,080
249	Crawford	Frontenac Public Schools	0.0	0	2.9	14,053
250	Crawford	Pittsburg	184.4	867,786	203.7	987,130
251	Lyon	North Lyon County	0.0	0	0.0	0
252	Lyon	Southern Lyon County	12.1	56,943	6.9	33,437
253	Lyon	Emporia	77.9	366,597	192.7	933,824
254	Barber	Barber County North	0.0	0	11.6	56,214
255	Barber	South Barber	0.0	0	12.0	58,152
256	Allen	Marmaton Valley	1.4	6,588	9.5	46,037
257	Allen	Iola	37.4	176,004	63.6	308,206
258	Allen	Humboldt	2.7	12,706	18.5	89,651
259	Sedgwick	Wichita	3,013.6	14,182,002	3,480.2	16,865,049
260	Sedgwick	Derby	41.4	194,828	91.2	441,955
261	Sedgwick	Haysville	55.8	262,595	259.8	1,258,991
262	Sedgwick	Valley Center Pub Sch	0.0	0	16.9	81,897
263	Sedgwick	Mulvane	0.0	0	3.5	16,961
264	Sedgwick	Clearwater	0.0	0	0.0	0
265	Sedgwick	Goddard	0.0	0	0.0	0
266	Sedgwick	Maize	0.0	0	0.0	0
267	Sedgwick	Renwick	0.2	941	0.0	0
268	Sedgwick	Cheney	0.0	0	0.0	0
269	Rooks	Palco	0.0	0	2.5	12,115
270	Rooks	Plainville	0.0	0	1.9	9,207
271	Rooks	Stockton	0.0	0	10.8	52,337

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272	Mitchell	Waconda	1.3	6,118	9.0	43,614
273	Mitchell	Beloit	0.0	0	1.4	6,784
274	Logan	Oakley	0.0	0	0.5	2,423
275	Logan	Triplains	0.0	0	1.6	7,754
281	Graham	Graham County	3.0	14,118	12.0	58,152
282	Elk	West Elk	14.4	67,766	16.9	81,897
283	Elk	Elk Valley	6.4	30,118	8.1	39,253
284	Chase	Chase County	0.0	0	0.0	0
285	Chautauqua	Cedar Vale	3.2	15,059	6.0	29,076
286	Chautauqua	Chautauqua Co Community	21.5	101,179	24.4	118,242
287	Franklin	West Franklin	0.0	0	2.6	12,600
288	Franklin	Central Heights	0.0	0	11.7	56,698
289	Franklin	Wellsville	0.0	0	0.0	0
290	Franklin	Ottawa	24.0	112,944	80.9	392,041
291	Gove	Grinnell Public Schools	0.4	1,882	0.0	0
292	Gove	Wheatland	0.0	0	0.6	2,908
293	Gove	Quinter Public Schools	0.0	0	0.0	0
294	Decatur	Oberlin	1.2	5,647	15.0	72,690
297	Cheyenne	St Francis Comm Sch	0.0	0	1.2	5,815
298	Lincoln	Lincoln	0.0	0	17.4	84,320
299	Lincoln	Sylvan Grove	0.0	0	2.0	9,692
300	Comanche	Comanche County	0.1	471	6.1	29,561
303	Ness	Ness City	0.0	0	2.8	13,569
305	Saline	Salina	198.3	933,200	369.6	1,791,082
306	Saline	Southeast Of Saline	0.0	0	0.0	0
307	Saline	Ell-Saline	0.0	0	1.3	6,300
308	Reno	Hutchinson Public Schools	242.8	1,142,617	247.2	1,197,931
309	Reno	Nickerson	27.4	128,944	51.6	250,054
310	Reno	Fairfield	6.7	31,530	15.1	73,175
311	Reno	Pretty Prairie	0.0	0	3.0	14,538
312	Reno	Haven Public Schools	1.3	6,118	13.2	63,967
313	Reno	Buhler	0.0	0	1.5	7,269
314	Thomas	Brewster	0.0	0	0.4	1,938
315	Thomas	Colby Public Schools	0.0	0	3.7	17,930
316	Thomas	Golden Plains	3.9	18,353	9.5	46,037
320	Pottawatomie	Wamego	0.0	0	0.0	0
321	Pottawatomie	Kaw Valley	5.7	26,824	0.7	3,392
322	Pottawatomie	Onaga-Havensville-Wheaton	0.0	0	0.0	0
323	Pottawatomie	Rock Creek	0.0	0	0.0	0

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325	Phillips	Phillipsburg	0.0	0	5.8	28,107
326	Phillips	Logan	0.3	1,412	2.0	9,692
327	Ellsworth	Ellsworth	0.0	0	1.3	6,300
329	Wabaunsee	Wabaunsee	0.0	0	1.7	8,238
330	Wabaunsee	Mission Valley	0.0	0	0.0	0
331	Kingman	Kingman - Norwich	2.0	9,412	22.5	109,035
332	Kingman	Cunningham	0.0	0	0.0	0
333	Cloud	Concordia	8.1	38,119	34.5	167,187
334	Cloud	Southern Cloud	3.7	17,412	9.3	45,068
335	Jackson	North Jackson	0.0	0	1.4	6,784
336	Jackson	Holton	6.0	28,236	21.0	101,766
337	Jackson	Royal Valley	3.4	16,000	23.1	111,943
338	Jefferson	Valley Falls	0.0	0	0.0	0
339	Jefferson	Jefferson County North	0.0	0	0.0	0
340	Jefferson	Jefferson West	0.0	0	0.0	0
341	Jefferson	Oskaloosa Public Schools	2.3	10,824	5.3	25,684
342	Jefferson	McLouth	0.0	0	3.0	14,538
343	Jefferson	Perry Public Schools	0.0	0	1.7	8,238
344	Linn	Pleasanton	11.3	53,178	19.4	94,012
345	Shawnee	Seaman	28.4	133,650	35.3	171,064
346	Linn	Jayhawk	10.8	50,825	24.1	116,789
347	Edwards	Kinsley-Offerle	4.7	22,118	11.6	56,214
348	Douglas	Baldwin City	0.0	0	0.0	0
349	Stafford	Stafford	0.9	4,235	12.8	62,029
350	Stafford	St John-Hudson	4.6	21,648	6.6	31,984
351	Stafford	Macksville	4.4	20,706	11.2	54,275
352	Sherman	Goodland	6.3	29,648	21.1	102,251
353	Sumner	Wellington	17.9	84,237	83.7	405,610
355	Barton	Ellinwood Public Schools	0.0	0	3.0	14,538
356	Sumner	Conway Springs	0.0	0	0.0	0
357	Sumner	Belle Plaine	0.0	0	13.0	62,998
358	Sumner	Oxford	0.0	0	3.0	14,538
359	Sumner	Argonia Public Schools	0.0	0	2.1	10,177
360	Sumner	Caldwell	9.8	46,119	14.1	68,329
361	Harper	Chaparral Schools	17.2	80,943	45.3	219,524
362	Linn	Prairie View	1.0	4,706	17.5	84,805
363	Finney	Holcomb	0.0	0	41.1	199,171
364	Marshall	Marysville	0.0	0	19.9	96,435
365	Anderson	Garnett	6.5	30,589	24.8	120,181

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366	Woodson	Woodson	0.2	941	17.1	82,867
367	Miami	Osawatomie	34.9	164,239	64.1	310,629
368	Miami	Paola	0.0	0	0.0	0
369	Harvey	Burrton	1.2	5,647	2.0	9,692
371	Gray	Montezuma	0.0	0	0.0	0
372	Shawnee	Silver Lake	0.0	0	0.0	0
373	Harvey	Newton	15.5	72,943	142.4	690,070
374	Haskell	Sublette	21.4	100,708	22.7	110,004
375	Butler	Circle	3.9	18,353	13.2	63,967
376	Rice	Sterling	0.0	0	0.0	0
377	Atchison	Atchison Co Comm Schools	0.0	0	2.1	10,177
378	Riley	Riley County	0.0	0	0.0	0
379	Clay	Clay County	0.0	0	11.1	53,791
380	Marshall	Vermillion	0.0	0	0.0	0
381	Ford	Spearville	0.0	0	0.0	0
382	Pratt	Pratt	4.2	19,765	18.9	91,589
383	Riley	Manhattan-Ogden	38.8	182,593	69.1	334,859
384	Riley	Blue Valley	0.0	0	0.0	0
385	Butler	Andover	0.0	0	0.0	0
386	Greenwood	Madison-Virgil	2.0	9,412	10.7	51,852
387	Wilson	Altoona-Midway	4.8	22,589	10.0	48,460
388	Ellis	Ellis	0.0	0	0.0	0
389	Greenwood	Eureka	21.1	99,297	31.5	152,649
390	Greenwood	Hamilton	4.3	20,236	5.5	26,653
392	Osborne	Osborne County	0.0	0	1.4	6,784
393	Dickinson	Solomon	2.1	9,883	13.4	64,936
394	Butler	Rose Hill Public Schools	0.0	0	0.0	0
395	Rush	LaCrosse	0.0	0	7.3	35,376
396	Butler	Douglass Public Schools	0.0	0	4.5	21,807
397	Marion	Centre	0.0	0	0.0	0
398	Marion	Peabody-Burns	3.1	14,589	11.2	54,275
399	Russell	Paradise	2.4	11,294	5.8	28,107
400	McPherson	Smoky Valley	0.0	0	0.0	0
401	Rice	Chase-Raymond	7.5	35,295	11.0	53,306
402	Butler	Augusta	2.7	12,706	18.0	87,228
403	Rush	Otis-Bison	0.0	0	0.0	0
404	Cherokee	Riverton	3.8	17,883	27.1	131,327
405	Rice	Lyons	41.2	193,887	50.5	244,723
407	Russell	Russell County	9.5	44,707	31.9	154,587

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408	Marion	Marion-Florence	0.0	0	7.9	38,283
409	Atchison	Atchison Public Schools	75.1	353,421	90.5	438,563
410	Marion	Durham-Hillsboro-Lehigh	0.0	0	4.9	23,745
411	Marion	Goessel	0.0	0	0.0	0
412	Sheridan	Hoxie Community Schools	0.0	0	0.0	0
413	Neosho	Chanute Public Schools	60.5	284,713	107.3	519,976
415	Brown	Hiawatha	0.8	3,765	36.5	176,879
416	Miami	Louisburg	0.0	0	0.0	0
417	Morris	Morris County	10.5	49,413	27.6	133,750
418	McPherson	McPherson	9.5	44,707	20.2	97,889
419	McPherson	Canton-Galva	0.0	0	0.0	0
420	Osage	Osage City	1.5	7,059	31.9	154,587
421	Osage	Lyndon	0.0	0	1.7	8,238
422	Kiowa	Kiowa County	0.0	0	5.0	24,230
423	McPherson	Moundridge	0.0	0	0.0	0
426	Republic	Pike Valley	0.4	1,882	0.0	0
428	Barton	Great Bend	154.0	724,724	171.9	833,027
429	Doniphan	Troy Public Schools	0.0	0	0.0	0
430	Brown	South Brown County	18.6	87,532	30.1	145,865
431	Barton	Hoisington	19.1	89,885	28.0	135,688
432	Ellis	Victoria	0.0	0	0.0	0
434	Osage	Santa Fe Trail	0.0	0	15.7	76,082
435	Dickinson	Abilene	2.3	10,824	28.4	137,626
436	Montgomery	Caney Valley	0.2	941	6.6	31,984
437	Shawnee	Auburn Washburn	22.3	104,944	47.7	231,154
438	Pratt	Skyline Schools	0.0	0	13.6	65,906
439	Harvey	Sedgwick Public Schools	0.0	0	0.0	0
440	Harvey	Halstead	0.0	0	6.1	29,561
443	Ford	Dodge City	461.1	2,169,937	509.0	2,466,614
444	Rice	Little River	0.0	0	0.0	0
445	Montgomery	Coffeyville	121.1	569,897	113.7	550,990
446	Montgomery	Independence	86.2	405,657	118.3	573,282
447	Montgomery	Cherryvale	32.3	152,004	37.4	181,240
448	McPherson	Inman	0.0	0	0.0	0
449	Leavenworth	Easton	0.0	0	0.0	0
450	Shawnee	Shawnee Heights	0.0	0	20.3	98,374
452	Stanton	Stanton County	4.1	19,295	18.9	91,589
453	Leavenworth	Leavenworth	59.2	278,595	198.8	963,385
454	Osage	Burlingame Public School	1.4	6,588	10.0	48,460

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456	Osage	Marais Des Cygnes Valley	1.1	5,177	10.7	51,852
457	Finney	Garden City	252.2	1,186,853	445.2	2,157,439
458	Leavenworth	Basehor-Linwood	0.0	0	0.0	0
459	Ford	Bucklin	4.7	22,118	3.5	16,961
460	Harvey	Hesston	0.0	0	0.0	0
461	Wilson	Neodesha	8.7	40,942	42.5	205,955
462	Cowley	Central	7.4	34,824	15.1	73,175
463	Cowley	Udall	0.5	2,353	7.6	36,830
464	Leavenworth	Tonganoxie	0.0	0	0.0	0
465	Cowley	Winfield	113.1	532,249	112.2	543,721
466	Scott	Scott County	0.0	0	6.5	31,499
467	Wichita	Leoti	0.0	0	2.9	14,053
468	Lane	Healy Public Schools	3.1	14,589	3.6	17,446
469	Leavenworth	Lansing	0.0	0	0.0	0
470	Cowley	Arkansas City	159.6	751,078	194.8	944,001
471	Cowley	Dexter	0.0	0	2.6	12,600
473	Dickinson	Chapman	3.9	18,353	4.6	22,292
474	Kiowa	Haviland	0.0	0	0.0	0
475	Geary	Geary County Schools	81.1	381,657	138.9	673,109
476	Gray	Copeland	0.4	1,882	0.0	0
477	Gray	Ingalls	0.0	0	0.4	1,938
479	Anderson	Crest	3.8	17,883	9.0	43,614
480	Seward	Liberal	291.0	1,369,446	337.3	1,634,556
481	Dickinson	Rural Vista	0.0	0	5.2	25,199
482	Lane	Dighton	0.0	0	2.2	10,661
483	Seward	Kismet-Plains	21.9	103,061	38.4	186,086
484	Wilson	Fredonia	2.6	12,236	34.3	166,218
487	Dickinson	Herington	22.7	106,826	28.2	136,657
489	Ellis	Hays	5.6	26,354	9.1	44,099
490	Butler	El Dorado	63.4	298,360	102.7	497,684
491	Douglas	Eudora	0.0	0	0.0	0
492	Butler	Flinthills	5.6	26,354	9.0	43,614
493	Cherokee	Columbus	16.8	79,061	46.4	224,854
494	Hamilton	Syracuse	31.8	149,651	33.3	161,372
495	Pawnee	Ft Larned	15.4	72,472	39.5	191,417
496	Pawnee	Pawnee Heights	7.1	33,413	3.0	14,538
497	Douglas	Lawrence	6.7	31,530	165.2	800,559
498	Marshall	Valley Heights	0.0	0	6.4	31,014
499	Cherokee	Galena	30.3	142,592	47.7	231,154

USD	County	District Name	Audited	Audited	Prelim	Prelim
			FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023
			HDAR FTE	HDAR \$	HDAR FTE	HDAR \$
Total		STATE TOTALS	9,813.3	\$46,181,390	14,699.1	\$71,231,839
500	Wyandotte	Kansas City	1,552.0	7,303,712	1,725.8	8,363,227
501	Shawnee	Topeka Public Schools	711.8	3,349,731	912.8	4,423,429
502	Edwards	Lewis	1.7	8,000	7.0	33,922
503	Labette	Parsons	77.2	363,303	96.6	468,124
504	Labette	Oswego	3.3	15,530	21.8	105,643
505	Labette	Chetopa-St. Paul	10.3	48,472	13.4	64,936
506	Labette	Labette County	13.8	64,943	79.3	384,288
507	Haskell	Satanta	5.7	26,824	14.6	70,752
508	Cherokee	Baxter Springs	43.5	204,711	49.1	237,939
509	Sumner	South Haven	0.0	0	0.0	0
511	Harper	Attica	0.0	0	6.6	31,984
512	Johnson	Shawnee Mission Pub Sch	124.2	584,485	384.0	1,860,864