HOUSE BILL No. 2480

By Representative Resman

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AN ACT concerning education; requiring each school district to employ an attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder specialist.

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

Section 1. (a) Commencing on July 1, 2024, each school district shall employ not fewer than one general education teacher, special education teacher, speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist, guidance counselor or school psychologist who has completed a comprehensive attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder professional development training program.

- (b) A comprehensive attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder professional development training program shall include:
- (1) A comprehensive and current research-based description of the social and emotional impact that attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder has on learning, motivation, behavior and the family system;
- (2) tools and strategies to address executive function skill development in task initiation, organization, time management, self-advocacy, emotional regulation and attention regulation; and
- (3) tools and strategies to address challenging behaviors using a strength-based, collaborative and problem solving approach that is designed to improve conflict resolution, productivity, motivation and self-advocacy.
- (c) The state board of education shall identify and approve attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder professional development training programs that meet the requirements of this section. The state board of education may adopt rules and regulations to implement this section.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.