

HOUSE BILL No. 2594

By Committee on K-12 Education Budget

Requested by Representative K. Williams

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1 AN ACT concerning education; establishing the education funding task
2 force; requiring such task force to review and make recommendations
3 with respect to the state's school finance system and the provision of
4 special education state aid prior to expiration of the Kansas school
5 equity and enhancement act; abolishing the special education and
6 related services funding task force; repealing K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-
7 3442.

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

10 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the education funding task
11 force. The task force shall be composed of the following 11 voting
12 members:

13 (1) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the
14 speaker of the house of representatives;

15 (2) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the
16 minority leader of the house of representatives;

17 (3) two members of the senate appointed by the president of the
18 senate;

19 (4) one member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the
20 senate;

21 (5) one member of the state board of education appointed by the state
22 board of education;

23 (6) one member, who shall be a parent of a student who attends
24 kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 at a school district in the
25 state, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

26 (7) one member, who shall be a parent of a student who attends
27 kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 at a school district in the
28 state, appointed by the president of the senate;

29 (8) one member, who shall be a superintendent of a rural school
30 district, appointed by the state board of education; and

31 (9) one member, who shall be a superintendent of an urban school
32 district, appointed by the state board of education.

33 (b) The task force shall consist of the following three ex-officio
34 members who shall be nonvoting members:

35 (1) The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee;

1 (2) the chairperson of the Kansas children's cabinet or the
2 chairperson's designee; and

3 (3) the director of the division of the budget or the director's designee.

4 (c) The education funding task force shall review the:

5 (1) Current school finance system in Kansas, including, but not
6 limited to, the Kansas school equity and enhancement act;

7 (2) the current methods for determining and disbursing special
8 education state aid;

9 (3) inputs of the current school finance system, including, but not
10 limited to, funding levels, funding sources and funding impacts;

11 (4) outputs of the current school finance system, including, but not
12 limited to, academic achievement outcomes and other measures of student
13 success;

14 (5) current academic reporting requirements with respect to state
15 assessments and student achievement; and

16 (6) achievement goals established by the state department of
17 education in the consolidated state plan submitted to the federal
18 department of education pursuant to the elementary and secondary
19 education act of 1965, as amended by the every student succeeds act,
20 including, but not limited to, the goal to have 75% of all students and
21 student subgroups achieve proficiency on the statewide assessments in
22 English language arts and mathematics by 2030, which has been defined
23 by the state board of education as requiring students to score in
24 performance levels 3 and 4 combined on such statewide assessments.

25 (d) The task force shall prepare and submit a report to the legislature
26 and the governor on or before January 11, 2027. Such report shall include
27 recommendations regarding:

28 (1) The establishment of a school finance formula that will replace
29 the Kansas school equity and enhancement act after its expiration. When
30 making such recommendations, the task force shall pursue the following
31 goals for such school finance formula:

32 (A) The formula shall be reasonably calculated to have all students
33 meet or exceed the educational goal established in K.S.A. 72-3218(c), and
34 amendments thereto;

35 (B) the formula shall provide adequate, consistent and reliable school
36 funding;

37 (C) the formula shall provide equitable school funding; and

38 (D) the formula shall provide meaningful accountability measures;

39 (2) whether revisions to the current methods for determining and
40 disbursing special education state aid are advisable or necessary; and

41 (3) any other recommendations related to school finance.

42 (e) (1) Members shall be appointed to the education funding task
43 force on or before September 1, 2024. In even-numbered years, the

1 chairperson of the task force shall be designated by the speaker of the
2 house of representatives and the vice chairperson shall be designated by
3 the president of the senate. In odd-numbered years, the chairperson of the
4 task force shall be designated by the president of the senate and the vice
5 chairperson shall be designated by the speaker of the house of
6 representatives. Any vacancy in the membership of the task force shall be
7 filled by appointment in the same manner prescribed by this section for the
8 original appointment.

9 (2) A quorum of the task force shall be six voting members. All
10 actions of the task force may be taken by a majority of members present
11 when there is a quorum.

12 (3) If approved by the legislative coordinating council, members of
13 the task force attending meetings authorized by the task force shall be paid
14 amounts for expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in K.S.A. 75-
15 3223(e), and amendments thereto.

16 (4) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative
17 research department and the division of legislative administrative services
18 shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the task force.

19 (5) The task force may meet at any time and at any place within the
20 state upon the call of the chairperson.

21 (f) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2027.

22 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-3442 is hereby repealed.

23 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
24 publication in the Kansas register.