

SENATE BILL No. 67

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning schools; relating to curriculum standards; amending
2 K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-6439 and repealing the existing section.

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

5 Section 1. As used in this act:

6 (a) "State board" means the Kansas state board of education;

7 (b) "department" means the Kansas state department of education;

8 (c) "education entity" means the state board, the department, any
9 school district, any school, local government or private enterprise that
10 exercises any responsibilities or decision-making authority with respect to
11 K-12 public education in the state of Kansas;

12 (d) "school" means any public school operated by a unified school
13 district and any nonpublic school accredited by the state board;

14 (e) "state official" means any official in state or local government in
15 Kansas, whether elected or appointed; and

16 (f) "common core state standards" means the common core standards
17 adopted by the Kansas state board of education on or after October 12,
18 2010, and any subsequent amendments to the common core standards.
19 "Common core state standards" includes "common core state standards for
20 English language arts & literacy in history/social studies, science, and
21 technical subjects," "common core state standards for mathematics,"
22 "Kansas college and career ready standards" and "next generation science
23 standards."

24 Sec. 2. (a) The state shall retain sole control over the development,
25 establishment and revision of K-12 curriculum standards.

26 (b) Any education entity or any state official shall not join any
27 consortium or any other organization when participation in that consortium
28 or organization would cede any measure of control over any aspect of
29 Kansas public education to any entity not explicitly allowed authority over
30 education in article 6 of the constitution of the state of Kansas. No such
31 person or entity shall condition or delay a decision on academic standards
32 or curriculum on the decision of any consortium, organization, any other
33 state government, the federal government or any other entity not explicitly
34 allowed authority over education in article 6 of the constitution of the state
35 of Kansas.

36 (c) Any actions taken by any education entity or any state official to

1 adopt, implement or align programs, assessments, testing, surveys or any
2 educational materials or activities to the common core state standards, the
3 social, emotional and character development standards, the national
4 curriculum standards for social studies, the national health education
5 standards, the national sexuality education standards, core content and
6 skills, K-12 or any other academic standards not in the public domain, free
7 of any copyright, as of July 1, 2015, are void.

8 (d) Any education entity or any state official shall not accept public or
9 private moneys or spend any moneys for the purchase of materials or for
10 teacher in-service training that supports, aligns or is used to implement the
11 academic standards described in section 2(c), and amendments thereto.

12 (e) No law or rule or regulation shall condition teacher evaluation or
13 pay on state assessment scores or student participation in state
14 assessments.

15 Sec. 3. (a) Beginning July 1, 2015, the state board shall not
16 implement any past academic standards or related assessments or any
17 future academic standards or related assessments which are aligned with
18 the academic standards described in section 2(c), and amendments thereto.

19 (b) The Kansas curriculum standards used to teach K-12 English
20 language arts, mathematics and science prior to October 12, 2010, shall be
21 reinstated for kindergarten and grades one through 12 in Kansas beginning
22 July 1, 2015. These standards will remain in effect until July 1, 2017. After
23 July 1, 2017, revised Kansas standards in these subjects may be developed
24 through the process provided for in K.S.A. 72-6439, and amendments
25 thereto.

26 (c) If advanced placement, international baccalaureate, dual credit or
27 other similar courses and tests are administered to public high school
28 students, they shall be aligned with Kansas curriculum standards in effect
29 pursuant to subsection (b).

30 Sec. 4. The state board of education shall rescind any requirement,
31 agreement or waiver, including the no child left behind waiver, with the
32 United States department of education or any other federal agency which
33 conditioned the receipt of federal funding upon the board revising
34 educational curriculum standards to align with the common core state
35 standards. The state board shall not agree to future federal educational
36 funding, waivers, agreements or requirements which condition the receipt
37 of federal funding upon academic curriculum being aligned to the common
38 core state standards.

39 Sec. 5. The state board of education shall not adopt or develop a
40 criterion-referenced formative or summative assessment instrument under
41 this act based on or aligned to common core state standards.

42 Sec. 6. If any provision of this act is held invalid, such invalidity shall
43 not affect other provisions and to this end the provisions of this act are

1 declared to be severable.

2 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-6439 is hereby amended to read as
3 follows: 72-6439. (a) In order to accomplish the mission for Kansas
4 education, the state board of education shall design and adopt a school
5 performance accreditation system based upon improvement in
6 performance that reflects high academic standards and is measurable.

7 (b) (1) The state board shall establish *model* curriculum standards
8 which reflect high academic standards for the core academic areas of
9 mathematics, science, reading, writing and social studies. The curriculum
10 standards *shall be adopted in accordance with section 3, and amendments*
11 *thereto, and shall be reviewed at least every seven years.*

12 (2) *Districts may use the model curriculum standards as a guideline*
13 *in developing district standards.* Nothing in this subsection shall be
14 construed in any manner so as to impinge upon any district's authority to
15 determine its own curriculum.

16 (3) *The state board may not use standards prohibited by section 2,*
17 *and amendments thereto, or any results from tests associated with those*
18 *standards in evaluation or accreditation of any school or school district.*

19 (c) The state board shall provide for statewide assessments in the core
20 academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and social
21 studies. The board shall ensure compatibility between the statewide
22 assessments and the curriculum standards established pursuant to
23 subsection (b). Such assessments shall be administered at three grade
24 levels, as determined by the board. The state board shall determine
25 performance levels on the statewide assessments, the achievement of
26 which represents high academic standards in the academic area at the
27 grade level to which the assessment applies. The state board should
28 specify high academic standards both for individual performance and
29 school performance on the assessments.

30 (d) Each school in every district shall establish a school site council
31 composed of the principal and representatives of teachers and other school
32 personnel, parents of pupils attending the school, the business community,
33 and other community groups. School site councils shall be responsible for
34 providing advice and counsel in evaluating state, school district, and
35 school site performance goals and objectives and in determining the
36 methods that should be employed at the school site to meet these goals and
37 objectives. Site councils may make recommendations and proposals to the
38 school board regarding budgetary items and school district matters,
39 including but not limited to, identifying and implementing the best
40 practices for developing efficient and effective administrative and
41 management functions. Site councils also may help school boards analyze
42 the unique environment of schools, enhance the efficiency and maximize
43 limited resources, including outsourcing arrangements and cooperative

1 opportunities as a means to address limited budgets.

2 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-6439 is hereby repealed.

3 Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

4 publication in the statute book.