

HOUSE BILL No. 2512

By Committee on K-12 Education Budget

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1 AN ACT concerning virtual schools; relating to diploma completion
2 programs; authorizing virtual school state aid for students under 19
3 years of age who have dropped out of high school; amending K.S.A.
4 72-3715 and repealing 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. 72-3715 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
8 3715. (a) In order to be included in the full-time equivalent enrollment of a
9 virtual school, a student shall be in attendance at the virtual school on:

10 (1) A single school day on or before September 19 of ~~each~~ *the* school
11 year; and

12 (2) on a single school day on or after September 20, but before
13 October 4 of ~~each~~ *the* school year.

14 (b) A school district ~~which~~ *that* offers a virtual school shall determine
15 the full-time equivalent enrollment of each student enrolled in the virtual
16 school on September 20 of ~~each~~ *the* school year as follows:

17 (1) Determine the number of hours the student was in attendance on a
18 single school day on or before September 19 of ~~each~~ *the* school year;

19 (2) determine the number of hours the student was in attendance on a
20 single school day on or after September 20, but before October 4 of ~~each~~
21 *the* school year;

22 (3) add the numbers obtained under subsections (b)(1) and (b)(2);

23 (4) divide the sum obtained under subsection (b)(3) by 12. The
24 quotient is the full-time equivalent enrollment of the student.

25 (c) The school days on which a district determines the full-time
26 equivalent enrollment of a student under subsections (b)(1) and (2) shall be
27 the school days on which the student has the highest number of hours of
28 attendance at the virtual school. No more than six hours of attendance may
29 be counted in a single school day. Attendance may be shown by a student's
30 on-line activity or entries in the student's virtual school journal or log of
31 activities.

32 (d) Subject to the availability of appropriations and within the limits
33 of any such appropriations, each school year a school district ~~which~~ *that*
34 offers a virtual school shall receive virtual school state aid. The state board
35 of education shall determine the amount of virtual school state aid a school
36 district is to receive as follows:

1 (1) Determine the number of students enrolled in virtual school on a
2 full-time basis, excluding those students who are over 19 years of age, and
3 multiply the total number of such students by \$5,000;

4 (2) determine the full-time equivalent enrollment of students enrolled
5 in virtual school on a part-time basis, excluding those ~~pupils~~ *students* who
6 are over 19 years of age *and those students who are under 19 years of age*
7 *that qualify for virtual school state aid pursuant to paragraph (4)*, and
8 multiply the total full-time equivalent enrollment of such students by
9 \$1,700;

10 (3) for students enrolled in a virtual school who are over 19 years of
11 age, determine the number of one-hour credit courses such students have
12 passed, not to exceed six credit courses per school year, and multiply the
13 total number of such courses by \$709; ~~and~~

14 (4) *for students enrolled in a virtual school who are under 19 years of*
15 *age that have a ratio of earned credits to expected credits for their cohort*
16 *year of less than 75%, determine the number of one-hour credit courses*
17 *such students have passed, not to exceed six credit courses per school*
18 *year, and multiply the total number of such courses by \$709; and*

19 ~~(4)~~(5) add the amounts calculated under subsections (d)(1) through
20 (d)(4). The resulting sum is the amount of virtual school state aid the
21 school district shall receive.

22 (e) (1) There is hereby established in every school district ~~a fund~~
23 ~~which shall be called~~ the virtual school fund, which ~~fund~~ shall consist of
24 all moneys deposited therein or transferred thereto according to law. The
25 expenses of a school district directly attributable to virtual schools offered
26 by a school district may be paid from the virtual school fund. The cost of
27 an advance placement course provided to a student by a virtual school
28 shall be paid by the virtual school. Moneys deposited in or otherwise
29 transferred to the virtual school fund shall only be expended for those
30 costs directly attributable to the provision of virtual instruction.

31 (2) Any balance remaining in the virtual school fund at the end of the
32 budget year shall be carried forward into the virtual school fund for
33 succeeding budget years. Such fund shall not be subject to the provisions
34 of K.S.A. 79-2925 through 79-2937, and amendments thereto.

35 (3) In preparing the budget of such school district, the amounts
36 credited to and the amount on hand in the virtual school fund, and the
37 amount expended therefrom shall be included in the annual budget for the
38 information of the residents of the school district. Interest earned on the
39 investment of moneys in any such fund shall be credited to that fund.

40 (f) For the purposes of this section, a student enrolled in a virtual
41 school who is not a resident of the state of Kansas shall not be counted in
42 the full-time equivalent enrollment of the virtual school. The virtual school
43 shall record the permanent address of any student enrolled in such virtual

1 school.

2 (g) ~~For purposes of~~ *As used* in this section:

3 (1) "Full-time" means attendance in a virtual school for no less than
4 six hours as determined pursuant to subsection (b).

5 (2) "Part-time" means attendance in a virtual school for less than six
6 hours as determined pursuant to subsection (b).

7 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-3715 is hereby repealed.

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