

2023 Kansas Statutes

31-150. Fire safety and prevention; school buildings; construction, reconstruction or renovation requirements; accessibility to persons with a disability; building plans, certification; exceptions; rules and regulations. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the construction, reconstruction or renovation of school buildings shall comply with the requirements of the 2000 edition of the international building code as published by the international codes council. All electric wiring shall conform to requirements of the 1999 issue of the national electric code of the national fire protection association.

(b) The construction, reconstruction or renovation of mobile, modular, portable or relocatable school buildings shall conform to the requirements of the 2000 edition of the life safety code as published by the national fire protection association.

(c) The construction, reconstruction or renovation of all school buildings shall conform to the provisions for making buildings and facilities accessible to, and usable by, persons with a disability, as required by K.S.A. 58-1301 through 58-1311, and amendments thereto.

(d) No contract shall be let for the construction, reconstruction or renovation of any school building, and it shall be illegal to pay out any public funds for the construction, reconstruction or renovation of a school building unless the plans for such building bear the seal of an architect or a professional engineer licensed by the state board of technical professions of the state of Kansas certifying that the plans meet the applicable requirements of this act.

(e) The provisions of subsections (c) and (d) shall not apply to any building or structure operated or used for any purpose by, or located upon the land of any community college, technical college, municipal university, institution under the governance of the state board of regents or other institutions of post secondary education as defined by K.S.A. 74-3249, and amendments thereto. Prior to construction, reconstruction or renovation of a building or structure, all community colleges, technical colleges, any municipal university, institutions under the governance of the state board of regents or other institutions of post secondary education as defined by K.S.A. 74-3249, and amendments thereto, shall submit to the state fire marshal a code footprint for evaluation and approval of the fire/life safety features of such building or structure.

(f) The relocation of school buildings to which the provisions of subsection (b) apply shall not be construed to be construction or reconstruction under the provisions of this section.

(g) The state fire marshal shall adopt rules and regulations specifying those subsequent editions of the codes enumerated in subsections (a) and (b) which the state fire marshal has determined provide protection equivalent to those editions specified herein. Compliance with any subsequent edition specified by such rules and regulations shall be considered compliance with the edition of the code specified by this section.

History: L. 1972, ch. 157, § 19; L. 1978, ch. 150, § 1; L. 1978, ch. 336, § 1; L. 1979, ch. 115, § 1; L. 1981, ch. 343, § 2; L. 1984, ch. 149, § 1; L. 1986, ch. 147, § 1; L. 1992, ch. 208, § 4; L. 2001, ch. 23, § 1; L. 2004, ch. 166, § 3; L. 2010, ch. 149, § 2; July 1.