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Substitute for Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2292

By Committee on Education

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AN ACT concerning schools; relating to curriculum standards; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 72-6479 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 72-6479 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6479. (a) In order to accomplish the mission for Kansas education, the state board of education shall design and adopt a school performance accreditation system based upon improvement in performance that reflects high academic standards and is measurable.

- (b) (1) The state board shall establish Kansas curriculum standards which reflect high academic standards for the core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and social studies. {The Kansas curriculum standards shall incorporate the capacities set forth in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 72-1127(c), and amendments thereto.} The Kansas curriculum standards shall be reviewed at least every seven years. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed in any manner so as to impinge upon any district's authority to determine its own curriculum.
- (2) No Kansas curriculum standards shall be formed by adopting the common core state standards or by adopting a federally provided or required set of educational standards. Any such standards previously adopted are hereby repealed on July 1, 2017.
- (3) The state board shall develop and establish new Kansas curriculum standards to meet the requirements of subsection (b)(2) on or before July 1, 2017.
- (4) {Advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses or programs shall continue in existence consistent with any Kansas curriculum standards adopted pursuant to subsection (b)(3).
- (5)} The state board shall submit the Kansas curriculum standards developed pursuant to subsection (b)(3) to the legislature for review prior to implementation of such standards.
- (c) The state board shall provide for statewide assessments in the core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and social studies. The board shall ensure compatibility between the statewide assessments and the *Kansas* curriculum standards established pursuant to subsection (b). Such assessments shall be administered at three grade levels, as determined by the board. The state board shall determine

performance levels on the statewide assessments, the achievement of which represents high academic standards in the academic area at the grade level to which the assessment applies. The state board should specify high academic standards both for individual performance and school performance on the assessments.

- (d) Each school in every district shall establish a school site council composed of the principal and representatives of teachers and other school personnel, parents of pupils attending the school, the business community, and other community groups. School site councils shall be responsible for providing advice and counsel in evaluating state, school district, and school site performance goals and objectives and in determining the methods that should be employed at the school site to meet these goals and objectives. Site councils may make recommendations and proposals to the school board regarding budgetary items and school district matters, including, but not limited to, identifying and implementing the best practices for developing efficient and effective administrative and management functions. Site councils also may help school boards analyze the unique environment of schools, enhance the efficiency and maximize limited resources, including outsourcing arrangements and cooperative opportunities as a means to address limited budgets.
- (e) Whenever the state board of education determines that a school has failed either to meet the accreditation requirements established by rules and regulations or standards adopted by the state board or provide the curriculum required by state law, the state board shall so notify the school district in which the school is located. Such notice shall specify the accreditation requirements that the school has failed to meet and the curriculum that the school has failed to provide. Upon receipt of such notice, the board of education of such school district is encouraged to reallocate the resources of the school district to remedy all deficiencies identified by the state board. When making such reallocation, the board of education shall take into consideration the resource strategies of highly resource-efficient districts as identified in phase III of the Kansas education resource management study conducted by Standard and Poor's (March 2006).
- (f) The provisions of this section shall be effective from and after July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017.
 - Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 72-6479 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.