

HOUSE BILL No. 2035

By Representative Amyx

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1 AN ACT creating the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center district act.

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

4 Section 1. Sections 1 through 8, and amendments thereto, shall be
5 known and may be cited as the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center
6 district act.

7 Sec. 2. As used in sections 1 through 8, and amendments thereto:

8 (a) "Board" means the board of directors of the Dwayne Peaslee
9 technical training center district; and

10 (b) "district" means the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center
11 district, which includes all territory located in Douglas county.

12 Sec. 3. (a) The board of county commissioners of Douglas county
13 shall submit the question of the creation of the Dwayne Peaslee technical
14 training center district to the voters of the county at the next primary
15 election or general election or at a special election called and held in
16 accordance with provisions of KSA 10-120, and amendments thereto.

17 (b) If the question of establishing the district is approved by a
18 majority of those voting on the issue, the existing board of directors of the
19 Dwayne Peaslee technical training center shall be dissolved. The board of
20 county commissioners by resolution shall establish the first board of
21 directors to include a seven-member board, the criteria for serving on the
22 board and term of office for the first board.

23 (c) Once appointed, the district board shall select board officers and
24 the method of selection and the term of office for future board members.

25 Sec. 4. All contracts previously entered into by the Dwayne Peaslee
26 technical training center shall be binding on the district, and all
27 outstanding bonds, debts and other obligations of the center shall become
28 an obligation of the district.

29 Sec. 5. (a) Each year the directors of the board shall meet and
30 organize by the election of a chairperson, secretary and treasurer and such
31 other officers as the board may deem necessary by a majority vote. The
32 board shall fix the date and place of its regular meetings. Special meetings
33 may be called by the chairperson or a majority vote of the district board.
34 Written notice stating the time, place and purpose of any special meeting,
35 unless waived, shall be given to each director at least two days prior to
36 such meeting, and no business other than that stated in the notice shall be

1 transacted at such meeting. The district board may adopt such bylaws as
 2 the board may deem appropriate, consistent with the provisions of this act.

3 (b) The treasurer shall give bond, in an amount fixed by the board.
 4 The bond shall be filed with the Douglas county clerk. The treasurer shall
 5 pay out the funds on orders of the board, signed by the chairperson and
 6 secretary of the board. The treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all
 7 moneys received and disbursed thereby and make a monthly report thereof
 8 to the board, or as often as the board requires.

9 Sec. 6. The district shall constitute a body corporate and politic and
 10 shall have the power to:

- 11 (a) Enter into contracts;
- 12 (b) sue and be sued;
- 13 (c) acquire, hold and convey real and personal property;
- 14 (d) make and adopt rules and regulations for the administration of the
 15 district;
- 16 (e) lease a site or sites and lease a building or buildings for district
 17 purposes;
- 18 (f) acquire material and equipment deemed necessary by the board for
 19 the maintenance and extension of the technical training center;
- 20 (g) employ such persons as the board deems necessary;
- 21 (h) receive, accept and administer any moneys appropriated or
 22 granted to it by the state, the federal government or private industry;
- 23 (i) receive and accept any gift or donation to the district and
 24 administer the same in accordance with any provisions thereof; and
- 25 (j) make annual reports to the city of Lawrence and Douglas county,
 26 on or before January 31 of each year for the preceding calendar year,
 27 showing receipts and disbursements from all funds under its control and
 28 showing such statistical information relating to students served and
 29 programs offered.

30 Sec. 7. (a) The board shall prepare and publish an annual budget for
 31 the maintenance and support of the district in accordance with the
 32 provisions of K.S.A. 79-2925 et seq., and amendments thereto.

33 (b) The board is authorized to levy a tax of not to exceed 0.75 mills
 34 on all taxable tangible property in the district to fund the budget as
 35 determined by the district board. The tax shall be levied and collected in
 36 like manner as other taxes and shall be kept by the district in a separate
 37 fund. The tax levy shall not be considered a tax levy of Douglas county.

38 (c) The board of the district shall have the authority to increase the
 39 mill levy authorized by subsection (b) by adoption of a resolution. Such
 40 resolution shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in
 41 a newspaper of general circulation in the county. If within 30 days after the
 42 last publication of the resolution, a petition signed by not less than 5% of
 43 the qualified electors in the district is filed in the office of the county

1 election officer requesting an election on the mill levy increase from the
2 prior year, no mill levy increase shall be made unless the question is
3 submitted to and approved by a majority of the voters of the district voting
4 at an election. The election shall be called and held in the manner provided
5 under the general bond law. If the question is approved, the levy shall be
6 certified and placed on the tax rolls.

7 (d) The mill levy for the district shall not exceed 2 mills.

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