

Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2391

By Committee on Ways and Means

5-31

1 AN ACT concerning education; creating the joint committee on uniform
2 educational standards oversight; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 72-6439
3 and 72-7535 and repealing the existing sections.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 New Section 1. (a) No school district, nor the department of
7 education nor the state board of education shall expend any moneys to
8 institute the common core standards, the next generation science standards
9 or any other uniform educational standards for grades kindergarten
10 through 12, or any portion of such standards, including any assessments
11 affiliated with such standards, that were not adopted by the state board of
12 education prior to the first day of the 2013 legislative session.

13 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed in any manner so as to
14 impinge upon any school district's authority to determine its own
15 curriculum.

16 (c) As used in this subsection, "common core standards" means the
17 set of uniform educational standards for grades kindergarten through 12
18 established by the common core state standards initiative.

19 (d) The provisions of this section shall expire on April 15, 2014.

20 New Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby established the joint committee on
21 uniform educational standards oversight. The joint committee shall review
22 any uniform educational standards, including any assessments affiliated
23 with such standards, that have either been adopted, or have been proposed
24 for adoption by the state board of education.

25 (b) The joint committee shall consist of 11 members of the legislature
26 appointed as follows:

27 (1) Two members of the house of representatives committee on
28 education appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

29 (2) one member of the house of representatives committee on
30 education appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

31 (3) two members of the senate committee on education appointed by
32 the president of the senate;

33 (4) one member of the senate committee on education appointed by
34 the minority leader of the senate;

35 (5) one member of the house of representatives committee on
36 appropriations appointed by the chairperson of the house committee on

1 appropriations;

2 (6) one member of the senate committee on ways and means
3 appointed by the chairperson of the senate committee on ways and means;

4 (7) one member of the house of representatives committee on
5 appropriations appointed by the ranking minority member of the house
6 committee on appropriations;

7 (8) one member of the senate committee on ways and means
8 appointed by the ranking minority member of the senate committee on
9 ways and means; and

10 (9) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the
11 majority leader of the house of representatives.

12 (c) Members shall be appointed for terms coinciding with the
13 legislative terms for which such members are elected or appointed. All
14 members appointed to fill vacancies in the membership of the joint
15 committee and all members appointed to succeed members appointed to
16 membership on the joint committee shall be appointed in the manner
17 provided for the original appointment of the member succeeded. The first
18 meeting of the joint committee shall be held before August 1, 2013.

19 (d) The members originally appointed as members of the joint
20 committee shall meet upon the call of a member appointed by the speaker
21 of the house of representatives, who shall be appointed by the speaker of
22 the house of representatives as the chairperson. The vice-chairperson of
23 the joint committee shall be a member appointed by the president of the
24 senate, who shall be appointed by the president of the senate as the vice-
25 chairperson. The ranking minority member shall be from the same
26 chamber as the chairperson.

27 (e) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the
28 legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services
29 as may be requested by the joint committee.

30 (f) Members of the joint committee shall be paid compensation, travel
31 expenses and subsistence expenses or allowance as provided in K.S.A. 75-
32 3212, and amendments thereto, for attendance at any meeting of the joint
33 committee or any subcommittee meeting authorized by the committee.

34 (g) The joint committee shall:

35 (1) Review the common core standards, the next generation science
36 standards or any other uniform educational standards for grades
37 kindergarten through 12, or any portion of such standards;

38 (2) review any assessments affiliated with such standards;

39 (3) study the implementation of any such standards for school year
40 2013-2014; and

41 (4) determine whether such standards conform to Kansas educational
42 values which provide for intellectual, educational, vocational and scientific
43 improvement.

1 (h) The department of education shall provide data and information
2 for any of the uniform educational standards identified in subsection (g) to
3 the joint committee as requested.

4 (i) On or before January 10, 2014, and January 9, 2015, the joint
5 committee shall prepare and submit a written report to the legislature and
6 the governor on its findings and recommendations with respect to those
7 uniform educational standards identified in subsection (g). The report shall
8 include, but is not limited to:

9 (1) Recommendations as to the continued implementation of any
10 uniform educational standards adopted by the state board of education
11 prior to the first day of the 2013 legislative session;

12 (2) recommendations as to the adoption and implementation of any
13 other uniform educational standards by the state board of education;

14 (3) recommendations for legislation to be considered by the
15 legislature during the 2014 legislative session; and

16 (4) an estimate of the fiscal effects of each of the joint committee's
17 recommendations.

18 (j) The joint committee may introduce such legislation as it deems
19 necessary in performing its functions.

20 (k) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2015.

21 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 72-6439 is hereby amended to read as
22 follows: 72-6439. (a) In order to accomplish the mission for Kansas
23 education, the state board of education shall design and adopt a school
24 performance accreditation system based upon improvement in
25 performance that reflects high academic standards and is measurable.

26 (b) (1) The state board shall establish—~~curriculum~~ *educational*
27 standards which reflect high academic standards for *Kansas education in*
28 the core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and
29 social studies. The ~~curriculum~~ *educational* standards shall be reviewed at
30 least every seven years. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed in
31 any manner so as to impinge upon any district's authority to determine its
32 own curriculum.

33 (2) *No educational standards established under subsection (b)(1)*
34 *shall include the common core standards, the next generation science*
35 *standards or any other uniform educational standards for grades*
36 *kindergarten through 12, or any portion of such standards, including any*
37 *assessments affiliated with such standards, that were not adopted by the*
38 *state board of education prior to the first day of the 2013 legislative*
39 *session.*

40 (3) *As used in this subsection, "common core standards" means the*
41 *set of uniform educational standards for grades kindergarten through 12*
42 *established by the common core state standards initiative.*

43 (4) *The provisions of subsections (b)(2) and (b)(3) shall expire on*

1 *April 15, 2014.*

2 (c) The state board shall provide for statewide assessments in the core
3 academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and social
4 studies. The board shall ensure compatibility between the statewide
5 assessments and the ~~curriculum~~ *educational* standards established pursuant
6 to subsection (b). Such assessments shall be administered at three grade
7 levels, as determined by the board. The state board shall determine
8 performance levels on the statewide assessments, the achievement of
9 which represents high academic standards in the academic area at the
10 grade level to which the assessment applies. The state board should specify
11 high academic standards both for individual performance and school
12 performance on the assessments.

13 (d) Each school in every district shall establish a school site council
14 composed of the principal and representatives of teachers and other school
15 personnel, parents of pupils attending the school, the business community,
16 and other community groups. School site councils shall be responsible for
17 providing advice and counsel in evaluating state, school district, and
18 school site performance goals and objectives and in determining the
19 methods that should be employed at the school site to meet these goals and
20 objectives. Site councils may make recommendations and proposals to the
21 school board regarding budgetary items and school district matters,
22 including but not limited to, identifying and implementing the best
23 practices for developing efficient and effective administrative and
24 management functions. Site councils also may help school boards analyze
25 the unique environment of schools, enhance the efficiency and maximize
26 limited resources, including outsourcing arrangements and cooperative
27 opportunities as a means to address limited budgets.

28 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 72-7535 is hereby amended to read as
29 follows: 72-7535. (a) In order to equip students with the knowledge and
30 skills needed to become self-supporting and to enable students to make
31 critical decisions regarding personal finances, the state board of education
32 shall authorize and assist in the implementation of programs on teaching
33 personal financial literacy.

34 (b) The state board of education shall develop a curriculum, materials
35 and guidelines that local boards of education and governing authorities of
36 accredited nonpublic schools may use in implementing the program of
37 instruction on personal financial literacy. The state board of education
38 shall adopt a glossary of personal financial literacy terms which shall be
39 used by school districts when implementing the program on personal
40 financial literacy.

41 (c) The state board of education shall develop state ~~curriculum~~
42 *educational* standards for personal financial literacy, for all grade levels,
43 within the existing mathematics curriculum or another appropriate subject-

1 matter curriculum.

2 (d) The state board of education shall encourage school districts when
3 selecting textbooks for mathematics, economics, family and consumer
4 science, accounting or other appropriate courses, to select those textbooks
5 which contain substantive provisions on personal finance, including
6 personal budgeting, credit, debt management and other topics concerning
7 personal financial literacy.

8 (e) The state board of education shall include questions relating to
9 personal financial literacy in the statewide assessments for mathematics or
10 social studies required under K.S.A. 72-6439, and amendments thereto.
11 When the statewide assessments for mathematics or social studies are
12 reviewed or rewritten, the state board of education shall examine the
13 questions relating to personal financial literacy and rewrite such questions
14 in order to determine if programs on personal financial literacy are
15 equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed to become self-
16 supporting and enabling students to make critical decisions regarding
17 personal finances.

18 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 72-6439 and 72-7535 are hereby repealed.

19 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
20 publication in the statute book.

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