

**SENATE BILL No. 163**

By Committee on Local Government

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1 AN ACT creating the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center district act;  
2 requiring submission of the question of creating the Dwayne Peaslee  
3 technical training center district to the voters of Douglas county;  
4 providing for the establishment of such district and the powers and  
5 duties of its board of directors.  
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. Sections 1 through 7, and amendments thereto, shall be  
9 known and may be cited as the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center  
10 district act.

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

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

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

16 Sec. 3. (a) The board of county commissioners of Douglas county  
17 shall submit the question of the creation of the Dwayne Peaslee technical  
18 training center district to the voters of the county at the next primary  
19 election or general election or at a special election called and held in  
20 accordance with provisions of K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto.  
21 Upon the adoption of a resolution calling for an election pursuant to this  
22 section, the county election officer shall cause the following proposition to  
23 be placed on the ballot at the election called for that purpose: "Shall a  
24 Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center district be established and  
25 authorized to levy a tax not to exceed 0.5 mills on all taxable tangible  
26 property located in the district to fund the budget of the Dwayne Peaslee  
27 Technical Training Center as determined by the board of directors of the  
28 district?"

29 (b) If the question of establishing the district is approved by a  
30 majority of those voting on the issue, the existing board of directors of the  
31 Dwayne Peaslee technical training center shall be dissolved. The board of  
32 county commissioners by resolution shall establish the first board of  
33 directors of the district to include a seven-member board, the criteria for  
34 serving on the board and term of office for members of the first board.

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

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

5       Sec. 5. (a) Each year the board of directors shall meet and organize  
6 by the election of a chairperson, secretary and treasurer and such other  
7 officers as the board may deem necessary by a majority vote. The board  
8 shall fix the date and place of its regular meetings. Special meetings may  
9 be called by the chairperson or a majority vote of the district board.  
10 Written notice stating the time, place and purpose of any special meeting,  
11 unless waived, shall be given to each director at least two days prior to  
12 such meeting, and no business other than that stated in the notice shall be  
13 transacted at such meeting. The district board may adopt such bylaws as  
14 the board may deem appropriate, consistent with the provisions of this act.

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

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

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

42       Sec. 7. (a) The district board shall prepare and publish an annual  
43 budget for the maintenance and support of the district in accordance with

1 the provisions of K.S.A. 79-2925 et seq., and amendments thereto.

2 (b) The board is authorized to levy a tax of not to exceed 0.50 mills  
3 on all taxable tangible property in the district to fund the budget as  
4 determined by the district board. The tax shall be levied and collected in  
5 like manner as other taxes and shall be kept by the district in a separate  
6 fund. The tax levy shall not be considered a tax levy of Douglas county or  
7 the city of Lawrence.

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