

**SENATE BILL No. 294**

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to local health  
2 departments; increasing state financial assistance to such departments  
3 under specified circumstances; amending K.S.A. 65-242 and repealing  
4 the existing section.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-242 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
8 242. For the purpose of ~~insuring~~ *ensuring* that adequate public health  
9 services are available to all inhabitants of the state of Kansas, the state  
10 shall assist in the financing of the operation of local health departments.  
11 Subject to appropriations therefor, state financial assistance shall be  
12 distributed to local health departments as follows:

13 (a) (1) First, each local health department ~~shall~~, upon application  
14 therefor, *shall receive \$7,000 \$12,000 per county that the local health*  
15 *department represents.*

16 (2) If sufficient funds are not available to make ~~this the~~ *the* distribution  
17 *required in paragraph (1)*, then the funds ~~which that~~ *that* are available shall be  
18 divided equally among those local health departments making application  
19 therefor.

20 (b) Second, if any funds are available after the distribution required in  
21 subsection (a), the secretary shall distribute such funds ~~as follows:~~

22 ~~(1) A figure equal to the total amount of state financial assistance~~  
23 ~~available for distribution, before deduction for the distribution in~~  
24 ~~subsection (a), shall be determined.~~

25 ~~(2) The figure determined in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be~~  
26 ~~allocated to local health departments making application for assistance~~  
27 ~~based on the proportion that the population of the county or counties~~  
28 ~~comprising the local health department applying for such assistance bears~~  
29 ~~to the total population of all counties comprising local health departments~~  
30 ~~which have applied for such financial assistance.~~

31 ~~(3) If any local health department making application for assistance~~  
32 ~~would receive an amount equal to or less than \$7,000 using the formula in~~  
33 ~~paragraph (2) of this subsection, then such department shall be paid in~~  
34 ~~accordance with subsection (a) only. If any local health department making~~  
35 ~~application for assistance would receive more than \$7,000 using the~~  
36 ~~formula in paragraph (2) of this subsection, then such department shall be~~

1 ~~paid based on the proportion that the population served by the county or~~  
2 ~~counties comprising such local health department bears to the total~~  
3 ~~population of all counties comprising local health departments which have~~  
4 ~~made application for assistance, except for departments receiving funds~~  
5 ~~under subsection (a), except that in no case shall the assistance distributed~~  
6 ~~under this subsection (b) to a local health department exceed the amount~~  
7 ~~that the local health department receives from local tax revenues for the~~  
8 ~~county fiscal year in which the state financial assistance is paid to each~~  
9 ~~local health department applying for such assistance based on the~~  
10 ~~proportion that the population of all counties represented by the local~~  
11 ~~health department bears to the total population of all counties represented~~  
12 ~~by all local health departments applying for such assistance.~~

13 *(c) The assistance distributed to any local health department under*  
14 *subsection (b) shall not exceed the amount that the local health*  
15 *department receives from local tax revenues for the fiscal year of the*  
16 *county during which the state financial assistance is paid.*

17 *(d) If local tax revenues allotted to a local health department for a*  
18 *fiscal year fall below the level of local tax revenues allotted to the local*  
19 *health department for the preceding fiscal year, the amount of state*  
20 *financial assistance under this act for which such local health department*  
21 *is eligible for the fiscal year shall be reduced by a percentage equal to the*  
22 *percentage of reduction in local tax revenue for that fiscal year.*

23 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-242 is hereby repealed.

24 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
25 publication in the statute book.