

SENATE BILL No. 51

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning the state department of education and the department
2 for children and families; relating to students in foster care; requiring a
3 Kansas foster care children annual academic report card.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) The state department of education and the department
7 for children and families shall collaborate to prepare a Kansas foster care
8 children annual academic report card. The annual report card shall include
9 the following data for the preceding school year:

10 (1) The graduation rate of students in foster care;

11 (2) the number and percentage of students in foster care who were
12 promoted to the next grade level;

13 (3) the number and percentage of students in foster care who were
14 suspended during the school year and the average length of time of such
15 suspensions;

16 (4) the number and percentage of students in foster care who were
17 expelled during the school year;

18 (5) state standardized assessment scores for students in foster care,
19 including the number and percentage of students meeting academic
20 standards as determined by the state board of education;

21 (6) the number and percentage of students in foster care enrolled in
22 any preschool-aged at-risk program, Kansas preschool pilot program or
23 early childhood special education program under section 619 of part B of
24 the individuals with disabilities act;

25 (7) the number and percentage of students in foster care who
26 participated in the mental health intervention team pilot program or a
27 similar mental health program;

28 (8) the total number of students in foster care enrolled in a school
29 district or nonpublic school and the disaggregated number and percentage
30 of students in foster care enrolled in school districts and accredited
31 nonpublic schools;

32 (9) de-identified disaggregated race and ethnicity data for each data
33 set required in paragraphs (1) through (8); and

34 (10) any additional data elements that both the state department of
35 education and the department for children and families deem appropriate
36 for inclusion.

1 (b) On or before January 15 of each year, the state department of
2 education and the department for children and families shall prepare and
3 submit the Kansas foster care children annual academic report card to the
4 senate standing committee on education and the house of representatives
5 standing committee on education.

6 (c) As used in this section:

7 (1) "School" means any school of a school district or any nonpublic
8 school accredited by the state board of education.

9 (2) "Student in foster care" means any individual who was in the
10 custody of the Kansas department for children and families at any time
11 when such student attended a school during the school year for which the
12 report required pursuant to this section is to be completed.

13 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
14 publication in the statute book.