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SENATE BILL No. 188

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to the Kansas uniform financial accounting and reporting act; relating to publication requirements; amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-8254 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-8254 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-8254. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas uniform financial accounting and reporting act.

- (b) As used in this section:
- (1) "Budget at a glance" means a multi-page document that includes the information provided in a budget summary and actual expenditure information as required by subsection (i).
- (2) "Budget summary" means a one-page summary of the official budget adopted by the board of education of the school district, and shall include, but is not limited to, graphs depicting the total expenditures in the budget by category, supplemental and general fund expenditures, instruction expenditures, enrollment figures, mill rates by fund and average salaries. For purposes of this section, a one-page budget at a glance-format developed by the state board, and any successor format shall be deemed a budget summary, provided it complies with the requirements of this section.
- (3) "Classroom teacher" means a pre-kindergarten teacher, kindergarten teacher, vocational education teacher or other teacher as specified on the certified personnel report submitted by a school district to the state board of education.
- (2) (4) "Reporting system" means the uniform reporting system, including a uniform chart of accounts, developed by the state board as required by this section.
- (3) (5) "School district" means a unified school district organized and operated under the laws of this state.
 - (4) (6) "State board" means the state board of education.
- (c) The state board shall develop and maintain a uniform reporting system for the receipts and expenditures of school districts. The accounting records maintained by each school district shall be coordinated with the uniform reporting system. Each school district shall record the

receipts and expenditures of the district in accordance with a uniform classification of accounts or chart of accounts and reports as shall be prescribed by the state board. Each school district shall submit such reports and statements as may be required by the state board. The state board shall design, revise and direct the use of accounting records and fiscal procedures and prescribe uniform classifications for receipts and expenditures for all school districts. The reporting system shall include all funds held by a school district regardless of the source of the moneys held in such funds, including, but not limited to, all funds funded by fees or other sources of revenue not derived from tax levies. The state board shall prescribe the necessary forms to be used by school districts in connection with such uniform reporting system.

- (d) The reporting system developed by the state board shall be developed in such a manner that allows school districts to record and report any information required by state or federal law.
- (e) The reporting system shall provide records showing by funds, accounts and other pertinent classifications, the amounts appropriated, the estimated revenues, actual revenues or receipts, the amounts available for expenditure, the total and itemized expenditures, the unencumbered cash balances, excluding state aid receivable, actual balances on hand and the unencumbered balances of allotments or appropriations for each school district.
- (f) The reporting system shall allow a person to search the data and allow for the comparison of data by school district.
- (g) Each school district shall annually submit a report to the state board on all construction activity undertaken by the school district which was financed by the issuance of bonds and which such bonds have not matured. Such report shall include all revenue receipts, all expenditures of bond proceeds authorized by law, the dates for commencement and completion of such construction activity, the estimated cost and the actual cost of such construction activity. The information provided in the report shall be in a form so as to readily identify such information with a specific construction project. Such report shall be submitted in a form and manner prescribed by the state board in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (h) From and after July 1, 2012, the board of education of each school district shall record and report the receipts and expenditures of the district in the manner prescribed by the state board in accordance with this section.
- (i) (1) *On or before November 1 of each school year,* each school district shall-annually publish on such district's internet website:
- (A) A copy of form 150, estimated legal maximum general fund budget, or any successor document containing the same or similar information, that was submitted by such district to the state board of

education for the immediately preceding school year; and

- (B) the budget summary for the current school year and a budget at a glance document that includes the actual expenditures for the immediately preceding two school years showing total dollars net of transfers and dollars per pupil based on full-time equivalent enrollment for each of the following:
 - (i) Function 1000, instruction;
 - (ii) function 2100, student support;
 - (iii) function 2200, instructional staff support;
- (iv) functions 2300 through 2500, administration;
 - (v) function 2600, operation and maintenance;
 - (vi) function 2700, transportation;
 - (vii) function 3100, food service;
 - (viii) functions 2900, 3200 and 3300, other current spending;
 - (ix) function 4000, capital outlay;
 - (x) function 5100, debt service;
- (xi) the total expenditures which is the sum of the amounts in clauses (i) through (x);
- (xii) the spending allocated to function 1000, instruction, excluding capital outlay and debt service expenditures, as a percentage of total expenditures;
- (xiii) the spending allocated to function 1000, instruction, excluding capital outlay and debt service expenditures, as a percentage of current spending, which is the sum of expenditures for functions 1000 through 3300 less capital outlay and debt service expenditures included in any of those functions; and
- (xiv) the revenue in total dollars net of transfers both in total and disaggregated to show the amount of revenue received from local, state and federal revenue sources; and
- (C) a document titled, "Employee Compensation Information," that contains the following information:
- (i) (a) For school districts with a total enrollment of 500 or more, the aggregate annual compensation for each of the 10 employees of the school district receiving the largest amount of aggregate annual compensation for the current school year and the title of each such employee;
- (b) for school districts with a total enrollment of less than 500, the aggregate annual compensation for each of the three employees of the school district receiving the largest amount of aggregate annual compensation for the current school year and the title of each such employee;
- (ii) the expenditures budgeted by the school district for the current school year for amounts to be paid to or on behalf of members of the

school district board of education, including, but not limited to, association dues, travel and per diem expenses and reimbursements for any other expenses;

- (ii) (iii) the lowest, highest and average aggregate annual compensation for a teacher employed for a full school year in the school district for the current school year;
- (iii) (iv) the dollars per pupil for expenditures described in subsections (i)(1)(B)(i) and (i)(1)(B)(xi) for the school district, and the percentage described in subsection (i)(1)(B)(xii) for the school district; and
- (iv) (v) the total full-time equivalent enrollment of the school district, the total number of classroom teachers certified by the school district to the state board of education on the certified personnel report and the ratio of the total full-time equivalent enrollment to total number of classroom teachers for the current school year.
- (2) For purposes of subsection (i)(1)(B), all per pupil amounts shall be calculated using the full-time equivalent enrollment of the school district. All function categories and other accounting categories shall refer to those same categories as established and required for financial accounting purposes by the state board as published in the Kansas state department of education's Kansas accounting handbook for unified school districts, as published in August 2012, or later versions as established in rules and regulations adopted by the state board.
- (3) For purposes of subsection (i)(1)(C), the aggregate annual compensation of an employee shall be determined by calculating the sum of the annual salary of the employee, any compensation paid pursuant to any supplemental contracts entered into between the employee and the school district, expense account amounts for items of personal use or benefit by the employee, the school district's employer retirement contributions paid on behalf of the employee, the school district's employer health insurance premiums paid on behalf of the employee, any other insurance premiums paid by the school district on behalf of the employee, the value of any vehicle provided to the employee by the school district, and any other compensation or remuneration provided by the school district to the employee.
- (4) (A) Publications required by this subsection shall be published with an easily identifiable link located on such district's website homepage with a link that shall be no less prominent in size and typeface as the most prominent link located on such district's website homepage, and which shall be accessible directly without the use of any menu options. Such link shall be titled, "Budget Information." The webpage containing publications required by this subsection shall only contain the following documents in the following order: (A) Budget at a glance; (B) budget

 summary for the current school year; (C) form 150, or its successor document, if any; and (D) employee compensation information.

- (B) Beginning with budget information for school year 2012-2013, and for each school year thereafter, each district also shall publish the budget at a glance, budget summary, form 150, or its successor document, if any, and employee compensation information for prior school years. The budget at a glance, budget summary, form 150, or its successor document, if any, and employee compensation information for each school year shall be published by the district for 10 consecutive years from the date of first publication pursuant to this subsection. The budget at a glance, budget summary, form 150, or its successor document, if any, and employee compensation information for prior school years shall be published on a separate webpage via a link titled, "Archive Budget Information," which shall be located on the "Budget Information" webpage immediately following the budget at a glance, budget summary for the current school year, form 150, or its successor document, if any, and employee compensation information for the current school year.
- (C) All other documents and information relating to the district's finances which the district decides to publish online shall be available on a separate webpage via a link titled, "Other Financial Information," which shall be located on the "Budget Information" webpage immediately following the link titled, "Archive Budget Information."
- (4) Publications required by this subsection shall be made available to the public at every meeting held by the board of education of each school district when the board is discussing the district's budget or any other school finance matter.
- (j) (1) The department of education shall annually publish on its internet website:
 - (A) All of the publications required under subsection (i); and
- (B) the following expenditures for each school district on a per pupil basis:
 - (i) Total expenditures;
 - (ii) capital outlay expenditures;
 - (iii) bond and interest expenditures; and
 - (iv) all other expenditures not included in (ii) or (iii).
- (2) Publications required by this subsection shall be published with an easily identifiable link located on the department's website homepage.
- (k) The department of education shall receive and investigate any written complaints received by the department alleging a school district is not in compliance with the provisions of this section. Upon completion of the investigation, the department shall report any findings and conclusions to the state board. If the department finds that a school district is not in compliance with the provisions of this section, the state board shall notify

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1 such school district in writing of the noncompliance. A school district that 2 receives written notice of noncompliance shall have 30 days from the date of receipt of such notice to cure the noncompliance and submit evidence of 3 the subsequent compliance to the state board. If the state board does not 4 receive evidence of subsequent compliance prior to the expiration of the 5 6 30-day period, then the state board shall impose a civil penalty of \$1,000 7 for each day the school district is not in compliance with this section. 8 Each day the school district fails to provide evidence of compliance from 9 and after the date the department determines that such school district is not in compliance with this section shall be counted as a day of 10 noncompliance for purposes of calculating the civil penalty amount. Any 11 12 civil penalties received by the state board shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and 13 amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state 14 treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit 15 16 of the state general fund. Upon curing any noncompliance, the school 17 district shall immediately distribute written notice to the parents and legal guardians of all students enrolled in such school district describing the 18 19 school district's noncompliance with this act and providing a copy of the 20 website address where the compliant information can be viewed. Such 21 notice shall not contain any other information that is not related to the 22 compliance issue. 23

- (1) On or before January 1, 2016, the state board shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this section.
- 26 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-8254 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.