

**HOUSE BILL No. 2594**

By Committee on K-12 Education Budget

Requested by Representative K. Williams

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Proposed Amendments to House Bill No. 2594  
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Appointments and membership

1 AN ACT concerning education; establishing the education funding task  
2 force; requiring such task force to review and make recommendations  
3 with respect to the state's school finance system and the provision of  
4 special education state aid prior to expiration of the Kansas school  
5 equity and enhancement act; abolishing the special education and  
6 related services funding task force; repealing K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-  
7 3442.

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

10 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the education funding task  
11 force. The task force shall be composed of the following 11 voting  
12 members:

13 (1) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the  
14 speaker of the house of representatives;

15 (2) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the  
16 minority leader of the house of representatives;

17 (3) two members of the senate appointed by the president of the  
18 senate;

19 (4) one member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the  
20 senate;

21 (5) one member of the state board of education appointed by the state  
22 board of education;

23 (6) one member, who shall be a parent of a student who attends  
24 kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 at a school district in the  
25 state, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

26 (7) one member, who shall be a ~~parent of a student who attends~~  
27 ~~kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 at a school district in the~~  
28 ~~state,~~ appointed by the president of the senate;

current or retired public school teacher

29 (8) one member, who shall be a superintendent of a rural school  
30 district, appointed by the state board of education; and

31 (9) one member, who shall be a superintendent of an urban school  
32 district, appointed by the state board of education.

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33 (b) The task force shall consist of the following ~~three~~ ex-officio  
34 members who shall be nonvoting members:

35 (1) The ~~commissioner of education or the commissioner's~~ designee;

the deputy commissioner of fiscal and administrative services of the state  
department of education or the deputy commissioner's

1 (2) the chairperson of the Kansas children's cabinet or the  
 2 chairperson's designee; and  
 3 (3) the director of the division of the budget or the director's designee.  
 4 (c) The education funding task force shall review the:  
 5 (1) Current school finance system in Kansas, including, but not  
 6 limited to, the Kansas school equity and enhancement act;  
 7 (2) the current methods for determining and disbursing special  
 8 education state aid;  
 9 (3) inputs of the current school finance system, including, but not  
 10 limited to, funding levels, funding sources and funding impacts;  
 11 (4) outputs of the current school finance system, including, but not  
 12 limited to, academic achievement outcomes and other measures of student  
 13 success;  
 14 (5) current academic reporting requirements with respect to state  
 15 assessments and student achievement; and  
 16 (6) achievement goals established by the state department of  
 17 education in the consolidated state plan submitted to the federal  
 18 department of education pursuant to the elementary and secondary  
 19 education act of 1965, as amended by the every student succeeds act,  
 20 including, but not limited to, the goal to have 75% of all students and  
 21 student subgroups achieve proficiency on the statewide assessments in  
 22 English language arts and mathematics by 2030, which has been defined  
 23 by the state board of education as requiring students to score in  
 24 performance levels 3 and 4 combined on such statewide assessments.

; and  
 (4) the director of special education and title services of the  
 state department of education or the director's designee; and

A superintendent who is appointed as a member of the task  
 force pursuant to subsection (a)(8) or (a)(9) may designate  
 another individual to attend any or all meetings of the task  
 force as such member's designee.  
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25 (d) The task force shall prepare and submit a report to the legislature  
 26 and the governor on or before January 11, 2027. Such report shall include  
 27 recommendations regarding:  
 28 (1) The establishment of a school finance formula that will replace  
 29 the Kansas school equity and enhancement act after its expiration. When  
 30 making such recommendations, the task force shall pursue the following  
 31 goals for such school finance formula:  
 32 (A) The formula shall be reasonably calculated to have all students  
 33 meet or exceed the educational goal established in K.S.A. 72-3218(c), and  
 34 amendments thereto;  
 35 (B) the formula shall provide adequate, consistent and reliable school  
 36 funding;  
 37 (C) the formula shall provide equitable school funding; and  
 38 (D) the formula shall provide meaningful accountability measures;  
 39 (2) whether revisions to the current methods for determining and  
 40 disbursing special education state aid are advisable or necessary; and  
 41 (3) any other recommendations related to school finance.

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42 (e) (1) Members shall be appointed to the education funding task  
 43 force on or before September 1, 2024. In even-numbered years, the