

AN ACT concerning education; creating the Kansas education standards study commission.

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

Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas education standards study commission. The commission shall study and make recommendations to the legislature for the adoption of measurable standards to achieve the educational goal established in K.S.A. 72-1127(c), and amendments thereto.

(b) (1) The Kansas education standards study commission shall consist of nine voting members who shall be representative of business and industry, school districts and postsecondary educational institutions, and who shall be appointed as follows:

- (A) Two shall be appointed by the president of senate;
- (B) two shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (C) one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
- (D) one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; and
- (E) three shall be appointed by the governor.

(2) The commissioner of education, the president of the state board of regents and the director of the budget shall be nonvoting, ex-officio members of the commission.

(c) The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate the member to convene and organize the first meeting of the commission at which time the commission shall elect from among its members a chairperson. Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled by appointment in the manner prescribed by this section for the original appointment.

(d) A majority of all members shall constitute a quorum. All actions of the commission

shall be taken by a majority of all members of the commission.

(e) Members of the commission shall receive expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto.

(f) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the Kansas legislative research department and other central legislative staff service agencies shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the commission.

(g) The commission shall study and review:

(1) The desired end product of the state elementary and secondary public school system in terms of preparing students for success after completion of high school;

(2) whether the capacities set forth in K.S.A. 72-1127(c), and amendments thereto, are sufficient standards with which to hold school districts and public schools accountable for producing the desired end product; and

(3) if such capacities are sufficient standards, what are appropriate methods for measuring such standards to determine if school districts and schools are achieving the educational goal established in K.S.A. 72-1127(c), and amendments thereto.

(h) The commission shall prepare and submit a report to the legislature on or before January 8, 2016, with findings and recommendations which the commission deems necessary, including the recommendation of any legislation.

(i) The provisions of this section shall expire on January 12, 2016.

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