

**CHAPTER 46. LEGISLATURE  
ARTICLE 12. LEGISLATIVE  
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**46-1225 [Repealed] School  
district finance, professional  
evaluation.**

(a) The legislative coordinating council shall provide for a professional evaluation of school district finance to determine the cost of a suitable education for Kansas children. The evaluation shall include a thorough study of the school district finance and quality performance act with the objective of addressing inadequacies and inequities inherent in the act. In addition to any other subjects the legislative coordinating council deems appropriate, the evaluation shall address the following objectives: (1) A determination of the funding needed to provide a suitable education in typical K-12 schools of various sizes and locations including, but not limited to per pupil cost; (2) a determination of the additional support needed for special education, at-risk, limited English proficient pupils and pupils impacted by other special circumstances; (3) a determination of funding adjustments necessary to ensure comparable purchasing power for all districts, regardless of size or location; and (4) a determination of an appropriate annual adjustment for inflation.

(b) In addressing the objectives of the evaluation as specified in subsection (a), consideration shall be given to: (1) The cost of providing comparable opportunities in the state's small rural schools as well as the larger, more urban schools, including differences in transportation needs resulting from population sparsity as well as differences in annual operating costs; (2) the cost of providing suitable opportunities in elementary, middle and high schools; (3) the additional costs of providing special programming opportunities, including vocational education programs; (4) the additional cost associated with educating at-risk children and those with limited English proficiency; (5) the additional cost associated with meeting the needs of pupils with disabilities; (6) the cost of operating new facilities; and (7) the geographic variations in costs of personnel, materials, supplies and equipment and other fixed costs so that districts across the state are afforded comparable purchasing power.

(c) Within the limits of appropriations therefor, the legislative coordinating council shall secure consultant services to conduct the professional evaluation of school district finance required by this section and provide for a presentation to the governor and the legislature of the findings of the evaluation along with recommendations for components of a school district finance plan that will fulfill the state's obligation to provide a suitable education for Kansas children. The findings of the evaluation and recommendations shall be presented to the governor and the legislature: at the beginning of the 2002 legislative session.

(d) The legislative coordinating council shall designate a special committee to assist the council in

discharging its responsibilities under this section, including prepare a request for proposals for the conduct of school finance system evaluation; advertise nationally for such proposals; evaluate the proposals; recommend to the council a consultant or consultants best qualified to conduct the study; consult with the council concerning terms and conditions of the consulting contract; act in an advisory capacity to assist the consultant in the conduct of the evaluation; on behalf of the Council, receive from the consultant regular reports of progress; and receive the final report of the consultant three weeks prior to formal submission of the report to the 2002 legislature on January 14, 2002. The special committee shall be composed of some or all of the members of the legislative educational planning committee as determined by the legislative coordinating council. The legislative coordinating council shall determine the number of members of the special committee who shall be members of the house of representatives, members of the senate, members of the majority party and members of the minority party.

(e) For the purpose of the professional evaluation of school district finance, the term "suitable education" means a curricular program consisting of the subjects and courses required under the provisions of K.S.A. 72-1101, 72-1103 and 72-1117, and amendments thereto, the courses in foreign language, fine arts and physical education required to qualify for a state scholarship under the provisions of K.S.A. 72-6810 through 72-6816, and amendments thereto, and the courses included in the precollege curriculum prescribed by the board of regents under the provisions of K.S.A. 76-717, and amendments thereto.

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