

46-3402. Same; powers and duties. The commission shall:

- (a) Conduct continuous and on-going monitoring of the implementation and operation of the school district finance and quality performance act and other provisions of law relating to school finance and the quality performance accreditation system;
- (b) evaluate the school district finance and quality performance act and determine if there is a fair and equitable relationship between the costs of the weighted components and assigned weightings;
- (c) determine if existing weightings should be adjusted;
- (d) determine if additional school district operations should be weighted;
- (e) review the amount of base state aid per pupil and determine if the amount should be adjusted;
- (f) evaluate the reform and restructuring components of the act and assess the impact thereof;
- (g) evaluate the system of financial support, reform and restructuring of public education in Kansas and in other states to ensure that the Kansas system is efficient and effective;
- (h) conduct other studies, as directed by the legislative coordinating council, relating to the improving, reforming or restructuring of the educational system and the financing thereof;
- (i) conduct hearings and receive and consider suggestions from teachers, parents, the department of education, the state board of education, other governmental officers and agencies and the general public concerning suggested improvements in the educational system and the financing thereof;
- (j) appoint advisory committees when deemed necessary. Such advisory committees shall conduct hearings and seek a wide variety of input from individuals and groups affected by and concerned with the quality, efficiency and cost of public elementary and secondary education in Kansas. Such individuals and groups shall include, but not be limited to, teachers, parents, students, the department of education, the state board of education, other governmental officers and agencies, professional educational organizations and associations, the business community, institutions of higher education, other persons who have an interest in the quality and efficiency of elementary and secondary education in Kansas and members of the general public interested in the improvement in the state's educational system and the financing thereof. The chairperson of any such advisory committee shall be a member of the 2010 commission;
- (k) make any recommendation it deems is necessary to guide the legislature to fulfill goals established by the legislature in meeting its constitutional duties of the legislature to: (A) Provide for intellectual, educational, vocational and scientific improvement in public schools established and maintained by the state; and (B) make suitable provision for the finance of the educational interests of the state;
- (l) examine the availability of revenues to ensure adequate funding of elementary and secondary education in the state;
- (m) examine school district efficiencies and whether districts are using best practices to deliver a high quality level of services and programs;
- (n) examine school district consolidation and impediments thereto;
- (o) examine voluntary activities, including extracurricular activities, which affect educational costs;
- (p) monitor and evaluate associations and organizations that promote or regulate voluntary or extracurricular activities including, but not limited to, the Kansas state high school activities association;
- (q) conduct other studies, as directed by the legislature, relating to the improving, reforming or restructuring of the educational system and the financing thereof;
- (r) make and submit annual reports to the legislature on the work of the commission concerning recommendations of the commission relating to the improving, reforming or restructuring of the educational system and the financing thereof and other topics of study directed to the commission by the legislative coordinating council. Such report also shall include recommendations for legislative changes and shall be submitted to the legislature on or before December 31 of each year.

History: L. 2005, ch. 152, § 8; July 1.