



Kansas House of Representatives

House Sub SB 83

Sunflower Education Equity Act

Education Savings Accounts Serving Kansas Kids

Why SB 83 is the Best Bipartisan Answer for Education

Kansas is open for business

Kansas is open for families

What is an ESA?

An ESA is an account that allows qualified students to use base aid (approx. 1/4 of the average public school cost) in a manner that best fits their learning needs based on individual abilities, preferences, challenges, and goals.

Special Education

\$72.3 million added for year 1 from the Governor's recommendation with required review of the formula in a special education funding taskforce

Teacher Pay Increase

Requiring 50% of the scheduled CPI-U increase in 2024 to be used for teacher pay increases not to supplant planned increases.

Public School Students

Must qualify for free or reduced lunch (185% FPL) or be performing below grade level in math or ELA, English Language Arts (level 1 of 4) first 3 yrs

Non-public Students

Year 1: 2,000 student cap, 300% FPL
Year 2: 4,000 cap, 400% FPL
Year 3: 8,000 cap, 400% FPL
Year 4: No cap, 600% FPL

ESA Pathways



Implimentation Date

Delayed one year: Program established in 2023 and makes availability of accounts in 2024-25

Rural Schools

Districts with 1A high schools permanently change formula from 2 previous years to 4 when determining headcount for calculation of state aid

Who administers?

State treasurer administers the program with advisement from board comprised of legislators, parent, qualified school rep, and ex officio KSDE member & requires real-time access to accounts for maximum accountability & audits.

Conclusion

A bipartisan effort to bring together two key priorities. It puts Kansas kids in the heart of the debate & puts their unique needs as priority #1 while recognizing that not all kids can excel in a traditional learning environment.