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Kansas House District 125



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Representative Hibbard, Toronto, and over 20 other Veterans serving in the Legislature led our Memorial Day recognition for our Veterans.



Vickie Harshbarger and Mosaic members were in Topeka

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Child/Adult Abuse Hotline
800-922-5330

recently to discuss issues with funding for the developmentally disabled. I always learn something in these visits. Some of the issues and solutions are not always obvious to those of us that don't work in the field.



LHS Graduation this year was especially significant for Carol and me. Our youngest son, John Francis, graduated this year. The Liberal School System does a great job educating the children of our community.

Education Funding Formula

The Kansas House passed a new school finance formula to replace the existing block grants that did not adjust state funding for changes in school district population. The bill still has several hurdles to overcome and may see substantial changes in the Senate and also has to be signed by the Governor. Preliminary estimates for the House bill showed additional funding of around \$2.1 million for the Liberal School District and over \$200,000 for Southwestern Heights.

Key Provisions

- \$460 million in new money for K-12 schools over two years
- Increased funding for at-risk programs
- Increased funding for bilingual programs

Child & Family Services

888-369-4777

Consumer Protection

800-432-2310

Crime Tip Hotline

1-800-KSCRIME

(1-800-572-7463)

Crime Victims'

Information Referral

800-828-9745

Disability / Social

Security Fraud Hotline

800-269-0271

Edler Abuse Hotline

800-842-0078

Governor Brownback

Constituent Services

800-748-4408

Highway Road Conditions

1-866-511-5638

In-State Dial 511

Housing Hotline

800-752-4422

KanCare Clearinghouse

800-792-4884

Kansas Lottery

800-544-9467

Legislative Hotline

800-432-3924

Mental Health Services

888-582-3759

- Increased funding for schools with high percentages / f students from military families
- Provides funding for all-day kindergarten
- Provides funding for 4 year old at-risk programs
- No increases in property-taxes

Impact on Rural districts

- Maintains at least current levels of transportation funding
- Creates fund of \$2.6 million for districts that see significant enrollment decreases
- Maintains current level of funding for virtual students
- Maintains current level of funding for career and technical education

Impact on Urban and Suburban districts

- Maintains cost-of-living adjustment
- Maintains 10% floor for at-risk funding for districts that have a lower percentage of students who qualify for free and reduced cost lunch programs
- Maintains tax-credits scholarship program for students who reside in under-performing districts

What's Left

As mentioned above the school funding formula still must wind its way through the process. The Senate and Governor have not yet weighed in on school funding but I believe something like the House plan will be the eventual result. The appropriations bills in the Senate and House have not been passed but most of the work on those is done. The big problem left is addressing the budget deficit. The Governor has vetoed one proposal already and continues to signal his willingness to veto other plans. The plans the Governor supports do not address our long-term problems but would kick the can down the road for the next Governor to address. We didn't get in this problem overnight so we won't get out of it easily. Because of the length of the session I have forfeited my salary for its

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800-273-8255**

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800-432-0386**

**Unemployment Insurance
800-292-6333**

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800-262-8683**

**Welfare Fraud Hotline
800-432-3913**

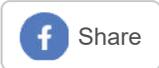
**Workmans Compensation
800-332-0353**

remainder.

“No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time” Winston Churchill

Constituent Services

Please reach out to me regarding issues with our state government that I can help with. I do ask that you send the request to me by email. This insures that I get the information correctly to the agency we are working with. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Please contact me anytime. My email is: Shannon.francis@house.ks.gov.
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