

HB 2288 -- Community Improvement Districts and Science-Tech  
Specialty Schools

Sponsor: Flook

This bill authorizes any community improvement district formed before January 1, 2003, in the City of Kansas City to sponsor and operate a science-tech specialty school for grades kindergarten through 12. The specialty school will:

- (1) Not use any local school district tax levies;
- (2) Be under the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's oversight and standards;
- (3) Pay for the transportation of students to the school; and
- (4) Be governed by a board consisting of at least seven members appointed by the district.

The qualifications and terms of board members for the specialty school are specified in the bill. Admission slots into the specialty school must be equitably distributed throughout the specialty school district based on population.

The seven-member Science-Tech Specialty School Blue Ribbon Panel is established to study the impact and effects of the specialty school. The panel must be convened by the department and is required to meet two to four times per year for four years. The panel must issue an annual report regarding the school's progress, success, basic enrollment information, and any recommendations to the specialty school's board, the department, the community improvement district's board, the City of Kansas City, and the school district in which the specialty school is located. The community improvement district must reimburse the costs associated with the panel's travel and administrative costs, including staff.