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KS School Funding Placed On Hold

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - The Kansas Supreme Court has put on hold a lower court's order for the state to immediately increase aid to public schools by roughly \$50 million.

The high court issued a one-page order Tuesday, a day after a request from Attorney General Derek Schmidt.

A three-judge panel in Shawnee County District Court last week invalidated key parts of a school funding law enacted by the Republican-dominated Legislature this year.

The lower-court judges ordered Kansas to provide more money to districts using the state's previous school funding formula.

The new school funding law scrapped the old per-student formula for distributing aid in favor of predictable grants for each districts. The lower-court panel said the changes violated the state constitution by not providing equal educational opportunities for all students.

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