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GOP Funding Plan Means Millions In Losses For KS Schools

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - New Kansas Department of Education figures show that public schools would lose a total of \$51 million in state aid before the end of June under an education funding plan from Republican leaders.

Figures released Friday show that the total reduction would be 1.5 percent of the general aid districts had been set to receive.

Republican Gov. Sam Brownback already has announced cuts of \$28 million in aid to public schools to help balance the budget, and they take effect Saturday.

Department of Education figures released Friday show that the GOP leaders' plan for overhauling education funding would trim an additional \$23 million.

However, GOP leaders have noted that total spending still would remain significantly above the amount for the 2013-14 school year. They released their plan Thursday.

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