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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2018

As Amended by House Committee on
Education

Brief*

HB 2018, as amended, would amend the provision in the school finance law concerning the calculation of the high density at-risk pupil weighting.

The bill would provide for a linear transition formula to calculate the high-density at-risk pupil weighting for districts having between 35 percent and 50 percent at-risk pupils. For those districts having an at-risk pupil percentage of 50 percent or more, or for districts having an enrollment of at least 35.1 percent at-risk pupils and an enrollment density of at least 212.1 pupils per square mile, the district would multiply the number of at-risk pupils by 0.105 to determine the high-density at-risk weighting. For those districts having between 35 percent and 50 percent at-risk pupils, the district would multiply the number of at-risk pupils by a factor of 0.7. This provision would take effect in school year 2012-2013.

The bill extends until June 30, 2012, the provision that allows districts becoming ineligible for high density at-risk weighting to receive the greater of the weighting in the current school year; the weighting in the prior school year; or the average of the weighting in the current school year and the preceding two school years.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Background

The bill was recommended by the 2010 Committee on Education.

Proponents of the bill included representatives of the Kansas Association of School Boards and the Kansas City, Kansas, School District. There were no opponents.

The Education Committee amended the bill to make the effective date the 2012-2013 school year. The Committee also amended the bill to extend the expiration date to June 30, 2012, for the portion of the bill that allows districts becoming ineligible for high-density at-risk weighting to receive the greater of the weighting in the current school year; the weighting in the prior school year; or the average of the weighting in the current school year and the preceding two school years.

The Division of the Budget fiscal note on the original bill included an estimate of \$3,347,680 additional State General Funding in FY 2012.