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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2201

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2201, as amended, would authorize local boards of education to establish a local activities budget if the district has adopted a local option budget at a rate not less than 30.0 percent of the state financial aid of the district in the current school year, and the local electorate has approved a local activities levy, not to exceed five years in length. The maximum local activities budget would not be more than 5.0 percent of the local activities budget computation factor of the district, which would be determined by multiplying the preceding year's full-time equivalent enrollment by the base state aid per pupil. The bill would not allow local activity funds to be used for instruction-related expenses.

Finally, provisions of the bill would become effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

Proponents of the bill include Representative Arlen Siegfried and representatives of the Blue Valley and Shawnee Mission school districts. Opponents included representatives of the Kansas Association of School Boards and the Kansas City, Kansas, Vermillion, and Wichita school districts.

The House Education Committee amended the bill by removing a section of the bill requiring a local school district to authorize a local activity levy with a resolution and protest petition for the 2011-2012 school year.

*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>

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill by removing the provision requiring districts to adopt a local activities budget at the state prescribed percentage (31.0 percent) in order to be eligible to levy a local activities budget. The amendment changed the requirement to 30.0 percent of the state financial aid of the district in the current school year.

The Division of the Budget fiscal note on the original bill indicated there would be no fiscal effect on state aid programs to districts, as the bill provides only for authorizing a local mill levy and is not equalized by the state. The fiscal note goes on to say the residents of school districts approving a local activities budget would experience higher taxes because of the levy.