

SESSION OF 2011

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON  
SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2229**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

Sub. for HB 2229 would establish the Equal Access Act for school professional associations and would modify the Professional Negotiations Act.

First the bill would require all boards of education as mandated in the Equal Access Act:

- To give equal access for all professional employees' associations to the professional employees physical or electronic school mailboxes;
- To allow equal access for all professional employees' associations to attend new teacher or employee school orientations and other meetings; and
- To not designate any day or breaks in a school year by naming or referring to the name of any professional employees' association.

Second, the bill would amend the Professional Negotiations Act to make the Equal Access Act supplemental and part of that law. Changes in the Professional Negotiations Act would include expanding the definition of "professional employees' organizations" to include those existing for the purpose of professional development or liability protection.

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\*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 bill also would delete certain language from the Professional Negotiations Act that would be in conflict with the equal access act in the definition of “terms and conditions of professional service.” The stricken language would be added in a new section to clarify that all professional employees' associations should be accorded such privileges as identified by the Equal Access Act.

### **Background**

A representative of the Kansas Association of American Educators appeared as a proponent for the bill. Opposing the bill was a representative from the Kansas National Education Association.

The fiscal note for the bill as introduced stated that enactment of HB 2229 would have no fiscal effect. No revised fiscal note was available for the Substitute for HB 2229.