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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2435

As Amended by House Committee on Education
Budget

Brief*

HB 2435, as amended by the Committee, replaces the existing vocational Education Scholarship with the new Career Technical Workforce Grant. The grant would be available for students at or accepted by postsecondary institutions designated by the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents, within the limits of appropriations, may award grants to those applicants who exhibit financial need. Under the bill, a grant for a full time student would be up to \$1,000 per year, but could not exceed the cost of tuition and fees.

The bill allows the Board to adopt rules and regulations. The Board would administer the grant using guidelines detailed in HB 2435. The Career Technical Workforce Grant would be evaluated by the Board of Regents each year and a report would be provided to the Governor and the Legislature.

If a student discontinues attendance, the refunded tuition and fees would go to the Career Technical Workforce Grant Discontinued Attendance Fund to be used for future grants. This would also be true for the state's share of any federal funding involved.

According to the Division of the Budget, HB 2435 would have no fiscal impact, because expenditures are limited to Legislative appropriations.

*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 introduced by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee.

Representatives from the Kansas Board of Regents, the Kansas Hospital Association, and the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees spoke in support of the bill. There were no opponents.

The Committee made technical amendments to the bill, as recommended by the Revisor of Statutes.

On the bill, as introduced, the Division of the Budget indicated there would be no fiscal impact as funding would be dependent upon appropriations.