Supplemental Note on House Bill No. 2034

As Recommended by House Committee on Education

Brief*

HB 2034 would modify the definition of terms and conditions of professional service in the Professional Negotiations Act. The bill would reduce the number of mandatorily negotiable items as applied to school districts. The bill would require school districts and professional employees’ organizations to negotiate salaries and wages, including pay for duties under supplemental contracts, and hours and amounts of work, but would not require negotiation of any other items.

Background

The bill was developed from a minority report included with the final report of the K-12 Student Performance and Efficiency Commission to the 2015 Legislature. Opposing the bill were representatives of the Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas National Education Association, United School Administrators, and Kansas School Superintendents Association. A representative of the Kansas Policy Institute was a proponent of the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicated the negotiating of salaries and wages, as well as other items relating to teacher’s professional service, could have a fiscal effect on state aid payments. However, the Division indicated the fiscal effect could not be estimated.

*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