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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2622

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

HB 2622 would amend the Kansas Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institution Act. Specifically, the bill would amend the statute governing fees charged by the Kansas Board of Regents (Board) to amend the scope of fees currently assessed to institutions “domiciled” and having their principal place of business in Kansas, replacing “domiciled” with “chartered, incorporated or otherwise organized under the laws of Kansas.”

The bill would increase the fee charged by the Board for processing and issuing GED credentials from \$15 to \$24. Additionally, the bill would reduce the minimum fees collected for Kansas institutions’ application renewals, including branch campus site renewals, from \$800 to \$500 for non-degree granting institutions and from \$1,600 to \$1,000 for degree granting institutions. The deadline for submitting renewal applications would change to at least 60 days prior to expiration, and the late fee for application renewals would increase from \$125 to \$500.

Out-of-state institution renewal fees would decrease from \$2,400 to \$1,000 for non-degree-granting institutions and from \$3,000 to \$2,000 for degree-granting institutions.

The bill also would repeal the statute creating the Advisory Commission on Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institutions, as well as a statute

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limiting the amounts these institutions could collect prior to students receiving classroom instruction.

Background

In the House Committee on Education, a representative of the Kansas Board of Regents was the only proponent to the bill. There was no other testimony.

The same proponent appeared in the Senate Committee on Education. The Senate Committee changed the fee for processing and issuing GED credentials to \$24. As introduced, the bill would have increased the fee from \$15 to \$25.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced estimated the GED fee increase would provide an additional \$56,670 in FY 2017. This amount was based on an estimate of 5,667 duplicate credentials issued in FY 2015 (5,667 times \$10 increased fee). Regarding the fee decreases in the bill, the fiscal note stated the fee fund would decrease by 2.0 percent; however, this would align revenues with Board expenses. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.