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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2487

As Recommended by House Committee on
Education

Brief*

HB 2487 would replace the term “emotional disturbance” in special education law with the term “emotional disability.”

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Education at the request of Representative Blake Carpenter.

In the House Committee on Education hearing, Representative Blake Carpenter, a representative of the Kansas Special Education Advisory Council of the Kansas State Board of Education, and a school social worker provided proponent testimony. Proponents stated that the change was appropriate because of the negative stigma associated with the term “emotional disturbance.” Proponents indicated the change would have no effect on special education services provided. No other testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

*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>