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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2519

As Amended by House Committee on Education

Brief*

HB 2519, as amended, would require the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) to ensure the distribution, electronic or otherwise, of certain information to all students in grades 7 through 12. Information to be distributed would include:

- The Kansas State Board of Regents (KBOR) degree prospectus information;
- The program report of the Kansas training information program; and
- Any other information relevant to students' understanding of potential earnings as determined by the Department of Labor and each branch of the armed services of the U.S. military.

The bill would also authorize KSDE to enter into memorandums of understanding and other agreements with state agencies or other entities as needed to accomplish this task.

Background

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

*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>

At the House Committee hearing on the bill, proponent testimony was offered by a representative of the Opportunity Solutions Project, stating the bill would give Kansas students helpful information as they consider their activities after high school. Neutral testimony was offered by a representative of the KBOR, who stated the bill was duplicative with information already compiled and maintained by KBOR. Opponent testimony was offered by representatives of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, the Kansas Independent College Association, and the Kansas National Education Association, who stated the provisions of the bill were duplicative with existing information and would divert resources from educating students to administrative compliance.

The House Committee amended the bill to eliminate provisions requiring KSDE to compile and produce a database of information related to postgraduate outcomes of various college degrees and replace it with the requirement that KSDE ensure distribution of the existing information described above.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, the Department of Education indicates the bill would increase annual expenditures by \$595,580 to develop and maintain the database. The requirement for this database was eliminated by House Committee amendments. A revised fiscal note on the bill as amended was not immediately available. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.