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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2690

As Recommended by House Committee on
Education

Brief*

HB 2690 would amend law concerning student data privacy and the administration of certain tests, questionnaires, surveys, and examinations (survey).

The bill would change the individual consenting to the student taking the survey by allowing students who are adults to provide consent for themselves. The bill would retain law providing for parental or guardian consent for minors.

The bill would require the school to provide the student, parent, or guardian with a copy of the survey being administered to review prior to giving consent for the student to take the survey.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Education at the request of a private citizen.

In the House Committee hearing, four private citizens testified as proponents, stating it was important for parents or guardians to see such surveys prior to consent in order to ensure they understand the questions being asked in the surveys and provide parental oversight.

*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>

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a private citizen and a representative of Concerned Women for America.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas State Department of Education indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.