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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 622

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 622 updates building code standards for school building construction.

The bill updates code compliance of school buildings to reference the most recent International Building Code. Municipal universities and postsecondary education institutions would be added to the listing of institutions which are exempt from building construction in conformance with accessibility standards for persons with disabilities and would not have to have building plans certified by an architect or professional engineer or submitted to the State Board of Education for approval. These newly listed institutions would have to submit to the State Fire Marshal a code footprint for evaluation and approval of fire/life safety features.

The Committee amended the bill by deleting a new provision that school building construction must comply with the more restrictive municipality provisions. The Committee delayed the implementation of the new codes until July 1, 2003.

Background

Representatives from the State Fire Marshal's Office, the City of Overland Park, the Wichita Public Schools, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the American Institute of Architects testified in support of the bill, as introduced.

*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/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi>

The fiscal note by the Division of the Budget indicates that the passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect.