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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
SENATE BILL NO. 82**

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Brief *

SB 82 would repeal various obsolete statutes relating to school districts and boards of education and would add a requirement that information about the salaries of certain school officials be provided local newspapers. In addition, the bill would authorize school districts to charge fees for preschool programs and would authorize the board of education of USD 512 (Shawnee Mission) to abolish advisory boards.

The bill merges selected contents of two other bills (HB 2231 and HB 2004) and contains the following major provisions:

- ! The requirement that boards of "city school districts" publish the salaries of various school officials would be deleted. A new requirement would be added that each local board of education provide to the school district's official newspaper a statement showing the name, position, and salary of the superintendent, deputy superintendents, assistant superintendents, directors, principals, and any other administrator with district-wide responsibilities. Publishing the information would be at the discretion of the newspaper. This requirement would sunset June 30, 2006.

- ! The board of education of USD 512 (Shawnee Mission) could decide to abolish the five-member advisory boards that now are required for each member district to serve as a liaison between the patrons of the district and the board. However, a decision by the board to terminate existing advisory boards would be subject to a protest petition signed by 5 percent of the qualified voters in the district calling for an election.

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- ! The requirement is deleted that boards of education file copies of personnel evaluation policies with the State Board of Education.
- ! School districts would be authorized to charge fees for preschool programs. The fees charged for preschool programs could only be in an amount to recover the direct costs to provide the program. This policy originally was in HB 2231.
- ! Conflicting sections of the law or duplicative sections that are the result of sections being amended by two different bills during the 2002 Session would be deleted. The sections that are affected pertain to the definition of a juvenile detention facility, the number of students counted for the four-year-old at-risk program, and criteria that the State Board of Education may consider in hearings on transfers of school district territory. These changes originally were in HB 2004.

Background

SB 82 in its original version was requested by the State Department of Education for the purpose of repealing statutes which now are obsolete. The Senate Education Committee amended the bill to repeal additional statutes which were considered obsolete. Specifically, the Senate Committee deleted the requirement that "city school districts" publish the salaries of various school officials. In addition, the Senate Committee deleted the requirement that local boards of education file copies of their personnel evaluation policies with the State Board of Education.

The House Education Committee amended the bill to restore K.S.A. 72-8134, which is one of the statutes the State Department of Education requested be repealed. The statute requires that USD 512 (Shawnee Mission) have a five-member advisory board for each member district to provide liaison between the residents of the school district and the board of education.

The House Committee also added an amendment which would require the board of education of each school district to provide a statement to a newspaper in the district that shows the name, position, and salary of the superintendent, deputy superintendents, assistant superintendents, directors, principals, and heads of

departments of the school district. A House floor amendment added any other administrators with district-wide responsibilities to the list.

The Conference Committee on SB 82 made certain clarifying changes regarding the policy of making names and salaries of school district officials available to a newspaper. The Conference Committee also determined that this requirement would terminate June 30, 2006.

The Conference Committee amended the provision affecting the board of education of USD 512 (Shawnee Mission) to allow the board to determine whether it would continue to require advisory boards for each member district. The board's decision to terminate the advisory boards would be subject to a percent protest signed by 5 percent of the qualified voters in the district calling for an election.

The Conference Committee also amended into SB 82 provisions of HB 2231, which would authorize school districts to charge fees for preschool programs, and provisions of HB 2004, which would delete conflicting sections of the law or delete duplicative sections that are the result of sections being amended by two different bills during the 2002 Session.