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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 68

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 68 would authorize the issuance of four distinctive license plates inscribed with the following: "Helping Schools"; "The Drive for the Cure"; Topeka Lutheran Schools of Topeka; and the Masonic Grande Lodge of Kansas.

Registration Provisions. These provisions would:

- ! Allow owners or lessees of passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less to be issued one distinctive plate for each passenger vehicle or truck;
- ! Provide that the plates would be issued for the same period as other license plates upon registration and payment of the regular fee and the presentation of annual logo use authorization statement;
- ! Allow the State Board of Education, the Secretary of Health and Environment, the Topeka Lutheran School of Topeka, and the Masonic Grande Lodge of Kansas to authorize the use of their logo to be affixed on license plates;
- ! Require royalty payments from the use of the logo to be remitted to the State Treasurer and deposited in the "Helping Schools License Plate Program" fund; the "Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program" fund; the Topeka Lutheran School of Topeka, Kansas Endowment" fund; and the "Masonic Grande Lodge of Kansas" fund.

*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/klrd>

- ! Require the various entities to issue a logo use authorization statement to applicants who have registered and paid the required logo use royalty payment;
- ! In the case of the "Helping Schools" license plates, require the applicant to designate the school district which is to receive the royalty payment;
- ! Prohibit the license plates to be transferred to other persons;
- ! Require annual renewals;
- ! Deny annual registration renewal to applicants who fail to provide the annual authorization statement; and
- ! Require applicants to return the license plates to the county treasurer if they fail to present the authorization statement at the time of registration.
- ! Require the entities to pay the initial costs of silk-screening the license plates;
- ! Require the entities, with the approval of the Director Vehicles and subject to the availability of materials and equipment, to design the plates;
- ! Require the entities, except the Board of Education, to provide to all county treasurers a toll-free number where applicants can call concerning the application process or the status of their license plate application;
- ! Exempt applicants applying for the "Helping Schools" license plates from paying the \$40 personalized license plate fee.

Helping Schools License Plate Program Fund Provisions.

These provisions would create a Helping Schools License Plate Program Fund. Except for reasonable costs to administer the program, moneys credited to the fund would be allocated and distributed on and after July 1 of each year to school districts and used to purchase classroom supplies and equipment for grades K through 12. The bill would prohibit the plate from being issued and moneys from being

distributed unless there is a guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 500 plates. Finally, moneys distributed to the school districts would be considered a donation.

Background

Representative Taddiken testified in support of the bill before the Senate Transportation Committee. The Director of Vehicles presented background information. The KNEA submitted written testimony which urged the Committee to consider fiscal and administration costs of the bill.

The Senate Committee of the Whole removed the provision which would have required the State Board of Education to provide county treasurers with a toll free telephone number where applicants could have checked on the status of their application. It also lowered the logo use royalty payment from \$50 to \$30.

The House Committee of the Whole amendments provide for the issuance of three additional distinctive license plates.