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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 251

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 251 concerns the school district capital improvements state aid program and would provide that no school district capital improvements aid could be paid to school districts for any general obligation bonds issued after July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2006, for a school district athletic or sports facility. The policy would not apply to a gymnasium which is attached to a classroom building.

Background

SB 251 as introduced concerned the State Finance Council. The provisions of the original bill were deleted by the House Appropriations Committee and the contents of HB 2345 were amended into it. As introduced, HB 2345 would have imposed a three-year moratorium on school district capital improvements aid payments for school district athletic or sports facilities.

The House Committee added an amendment to make it clear that bonds for school district athletic or sports facilities that had been approved by the voters prior to July 1, 2003, would not be affected by the moratorium. The House Committee also added an exception which would allow for the payment of capital improvements aid, subject to the approval of the Joint Committee on State Building Construction, in the case of school districts that have reorganized and consolidated. The House Committee of the Whole deleted this exception.

The school district capital improvements program was changed from a demand transfer from the State General Fund to a revenue transfer by the 2002 Legislature. Payments are estimated to be \$47,216,350 in FY 2003 and \$55,000,000 in FY 2004.

*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>

According to the State Department of Education, enactment of SB 251 would have no immediate fiscal effect until FY 2006 because of payments being made to bonds that currently are outstanding.