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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 293

As Amended by Senate Committee on Education

Brief*

SB 293, as amended, concerns the Kansas School Safety and Security Act, and would broaden the Act to authorize a local board of education to adopt a resolution defining "weapon." A weapon so defined would be in addition to weapons already defined in the statute. The local board also could adopt a resolution prohibiting the possession of weapons on school property which are not otherwise prohibited by existing statutes. In addition, the bill would delete from current law a definition of "weapon" that already is covered by another provision in the statute.

Background

SB 292 was introduced by Senator Lyon. In the original version, the bill would have deleted a provision that defined "weapon" to mean a weapon with a barrel with a bore of more than ½ inch in diameter. However, additional amendments were offered which caused the Senate Committee to instruct the Revisor to redo certain portions of the bill to incorporate the spirit of the proposed amendments and to make technical and clarifying changes.

The resulting bill generally would broaden the definition of "weapon" by giving local boards the authority to adopt resolutions that include their own definition of what would be considered a weapon and, also by resolution, to prohibit the possession of weapons on school property which are not otherwise prohibited under current law.

In addition to the individual who proposed amendments to the bill as introduced, a representative of Kansas-National Education Association appeared in the Senate Committee and testified in support of the bill, as introduced. The representative indicated that his organization also would support the bill as amended by the Senate

*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>

Committee. According to the Division of the Budget, passage of SB 293 would have no fiscal impact.