

SESSION OF 2006

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2786**

As Agreed to March 28, 2006

**Brief\***

HB 2786 would increase from \$10,000 to \$20,000 the maximum amount of a contract that school district boards of education may delegate for superintendents to execute on behalf of a district.

The bill would amend current law to increase the Kansas Highway Patrol's authority to pay claims in amounts to \$2,500. Current law allows payments of \$1,000; and claims above that amount are submitted to the Joint Committee on Claims Against the State. The bill would allow the Kansas Highway Patrol superintendent to authorize claim payments for personal injury or property damage which occurred during law enforcement efforts and which were not due to negligence.

The bill also would repeal four statutes that were amended twice in the 2005 Session. The statutes that would be repealed are KSA 2005 Supp. 75-3317a, 75-3319a, 75-3320a and 75-3322a.

**Conference Committee Action**

The Conference Committee included all language contained in HB 2786 as amended by the Senate Ways and Means Committee dealing with the State Use Program and school districts contracting limits and all language contained in SB 569 as introduced providing for payment of claims by the Kansas Highway Patrol.

**Background**

The Revisor of Statutes Office prepared 2006 HB 2786 to reconcile four conflicting statutes. During the 2005 Legislature, SB 118 and Senate Sub. for HB 2228, both related to the State Use

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Program, were passed. Senate Sub. for HB 2228 amended KSA 2005 Supp. 75-3317 to 75-3322 and SB 118 amended the same four statutes and is memorialized in KSA 2005 Supp. 75-3317a to 75-3322a. There were no opponents to 2006 HB 2786 when a public hearing was held by the House General Government and Commerce Budget Committee.

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means added the provision concerning the maximum amount of purchases by school district superintendents. The amendment was proposed by a representative of Unified School District 259 (Wichita) who asked for the \$10,000 increase in the maximum amount that boards of education could delegate to superintendents in executing contracts for the purchase of goods and services.

A representative of the Kansas Highway Patrol testified in support of SB 569. There were no opponents who testified at the Committee hearing. The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates that the bill would not create an additional fiscal impact on the Kansas Highway Patrol, but might allow payments for damages to be paid in an expedited fashion.