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## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 331

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Education

### **Brief\***

SB 331 would amend statutes governing the status of technical education institutions. The bill would allow the Board of Regents to make a determination that, if a technical college does not develop a plan for a separate and independent governing board, the technical college shall revert to the status of an area vocational school or an area vocational technical school without the authorization to grant degrees.

Under current law, technical colleges must have submitted a plan to the Board of Regents by July, 2005, to move from governance by the local school board to an independent governing board. There are no provisions in place under current law to address a situation where a technical college did not submit such a plan or submitted a plan which was not in compliance. SB 331 would authorize the Board of Regents to make a determination in those situations that the technical college shall revert to the status of area technical school or area vocational technical school without the authorization to grant degrees.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee as a part of the legislative package requested by the Board of Regents. A representative of the Board of Regents testified to the Senate Committee in favor of the bill. There were no opponents appearing before the Committee.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to clarify that a technical college, after reverting to an area vocational school or area vocational technical school, would not be able to offer academic degrees.

The fiscal note by the Division of the Budget states that SB 331 would have no state fiscal impact.

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\*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>