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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2634

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

HB 2634, as amended, concerns school districts in Haskell County and in Cherokee County. The bill would allow the assessed valuation of a new ethanol plant to be constructed in Haskell County to be shared equally between USD 507 (Satanta) and USD 374 (Sublette). Both school districts are in Haskell County and the property would be located in the Sublette school district.

The bill also would allow four school districts in Cherokee County to share equally (one-fourth each) the assessed valuation of a racetrack gaming facility or a lottery gaming facility located in Cherokee County for purposes of determining school district state aid. The districts are USD 404 (Riverton), USD 493 (Columbus), USD 499 (Galena), and USD 508 (Baxter Springs).

The provisions of the bill would not apply if, in the case of Haskell County, the property in the county is not used, or ceases to be used, for the production of ethanol or if, in the case of Cherokee County, the property in the county is not used, or ceases to be used, as a racetrack gaming facility or a lottery gaming facility.

Background

Representatives Hayzlett and Light appeared in support of the bill in the House Committee.

The Senate Committee adopted an amendment proposed by Senator Umbarger to expand the policy in the bill to apply to school districts in Cherokee County. Senator Umbarger and Representative Gatewood appeared as proponents of the bill and the proposed amendment in the Senate Committee.

*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>

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill indicates that passage of the bill would not require additional state funds and notes that, as property valuations increase in the affected counties, less state aid would be required under the school finance formula.