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## **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2712**

As Amended by House Committee on Education

### **Brief\***

HB 2712, as amended, would make a change to the special education requirement for the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process. The bill would allow that after the annual IEP meeting for a school year, the parent or representative of the agency providing services to the child may agree to develop a written document amending or modifying the child's current IEP, without convening an IEP meeting, including any substantial change in placement or service or both. The parent's consent to the revised IEP may be made by email, fax, or telephone, if the telephone consent is documented by and signed by an IEP team member if the parent has been informed of the right to an IEP team meeting. Under current law, the parent or representative of the service provider may agree to develop a written document amending or modifying the child's current IEP, without convening an IEP meeting.

### **Background**

Representatives of Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas National Education Association, United School Administrators, and a special education teacher appeared as proponents for the bill. Representatives of the Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns and Disability Rights Center of Kansas appeared as opponents to the change in law. The Disability Rights Center's major objection was the concern that parents would not be fully informed as to their right to a full IEP team meeting.

The House Committee amended the bill by adding the language that the parent's consent to the revised IEP may be made by email, fax, or telephone consent, if the telephone consent is documented by and signed by an IEP team member if the parent has been informed of the right to an IEP team meeting.

The fiscal note indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the State Department of Education.

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