

SESSION OF 2007

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 355

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 355, as amended, would repeal KSA 2006 Supp. 75-53,119 which provides a sunset of June 30, 2008 for the Foster Child Educational Assistance Act. The bill also would amend the Act to include both tuition and required fees as the educational costs to be waived by secondary educational institutions.

Background

SB 355 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Proponents appearing on the bill included representatives of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, the Kansas Children's Service League, and the Kansas Youth Advisory Council. Written testimony was submitted by the Saint Francis Academy and the Children's Alliance. A representative of the Kansas Board of Regents spoke in support of the program but opposed the bill because of concerns that there was no funding stream provided to reimburse the educational institutions waiving tuition. This same conferee also suggested that the bill be amended to include required fees as a part of the educational costs waived by the educational institutions. The current statute (KSA 2006 Supp 75-53,114(a)) only refers to tuition charged by educational institutions.

The Committee amended the bill to include both tuition and required fees as the educational costs to be waived by educational institutions.

*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 from the Division of the Budget on the original bill indicated there would be no fiscal impact on the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services or the Board of Regents.