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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 404**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Education

**Brief\***

SB 404 would amend current law concerning the Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science (KAMS).

The bill also would require KAMS pupils to pay tuition in addition to fees. For pupils enrolled in a Kansas school district, the tuition and fees would be paid by the school district in which the pupil is enrolled but would not exceed the total of an amount equal to:

- The current base state aid per pupil;
- Any amount attributable to the pupil for low or high enrollment weighting, at-risk weighting, and high-density at-risk weighting; and
- The percentage of local option budget (LOB) adopted by the school district board which is attributable to the pupil.

Fees normally paid by a Kansas high school pupil would be paid by the pupil. For pupils not enrolled in a Kansas school district, the tuition and fees would be paid by the pupil.

The bill also would clarify that, solely for the purpose of KAMS, pupils would not be required to comply with the qualified admissions standards.

Finally, the bill would alter the process of pupil selection.

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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>

Under current law, no more than five students may be selected from each of the state's four Congressional districts. The bill would require that, in the event that fewer than five pupils from any one Congressional district apply for admission to KAMS, pupils from other Congressional districts could be substituted into those spots. Congressional district balance would be maintained to the extent possible.

## **Background**

At the hearing held by the Senate Committee on Education, the bill was supported by Kathyne Mueller of the Kansas Board of Regents, and Dr. Edward Hammond, Fort Hays State University President.

The Senate Committee amended the introduced version of the bill to exempt pupils from qualified admissions standards for purposes of KAMS and to alter the selection process in the event that fewer than five pupils apply from any one Congressional district.

The House Committee amended the bill to:

- Expand the school district funding that follows the student to KAMS to include pupil weight amounts and the LOB amount attributable to the pupil, in addition to the base state aid per pupil; and
- Eliminate the provision in the bill that would have authorized KAMS to accept out-of-state and international pupils.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget for the introduced version of SB 404 indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the state. The fiscal note states that SB 404 would have an effect on those students paying tuition and fees.