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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2559

As Amended by House Committee on
Education

Brief*

HB 2559, as amended, would add exemptions to current law which requires local boards of education to use a sealed bid process for expenditures over \$20,000. The following would be added to a list of exemptions to the law.

- Purchase of materials, goods, or wares in any circumstance, including when required to reconstruct, remodel, repair, or equip buildings that have sustained loss against which the board has purchased property or casualty insurance or by the occurrence of a loss for which the district is self insured;
- Purchase of software application licenses;
- Purchase of materials, goods, or wares when a request for a competitive sealed proposal method is used; and
- Sole source purchases.

Background

The original bill was requested by the Wichita School Districts. One of the bill's proponents was a representative of the Wichita School District who stated that the provisions sought in the bill were those already available to cities and

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counties. A representative of the Kansas Association of School Boards also was a bill proponent. The only opponent was a representative of the Associated General Contractors of Kansas who opposed the exemption of expenditures for “reconstruction, remodeling, repairing or equipping buildings.”

The House Committee on Education amended the bill by removing the exemption of expenditures for reconstruction, remodeling, repairing or equipping buildings.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on the original bill indicated there would be no fiscal impact.