

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2033

As Recommended by House Committee on
Education

Brief*

HB 2033 would amend law to add nonprofit organizations accredited by the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC) to the list of approved at-risk educational programs that are eligible to receive distributions from school districts' at-risk education funds.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Education at the request of Representative Estes on behalf of Phillips Fundamental Learning Center (PFLC).

House Committee on Education

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of IMSLEC, PFLC, and a private citizen. The proponents discussed the rigor of the IMSLEC accreditation process and the efficacy of the accredited training programs, such as the program at PFLC, in training educators to teach reading, writing, and spelling.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representatives of the Kansas Chamber and the board of PFLC.

*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 <https://klrd.gov/>

Opponent testimony was provided by the Kansas Association of School Boards, who expressed concern that the bill would encroach on the authority of the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education to vet and approve at-risk programs.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the State Department of Education indicated the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Education; State Board of Education; Phillips Fundamental Learning Center; at-risk educational programs; At-risk Education Fund