

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 114

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

SB 114, as amended, would authorize non-public school students and virtual school students participating in a school activity governed by the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) to also participate in certain ancillary school district activities.

Participation in KSHSAA Activities

Current law allows for non-public school and virtual students who meet the requirements of law to participate in activities that are regulated, supervised, promoted, and developed by the KSHSAA. The bill would amend this to also include ancillary activities, events, and programs associated with any KSHSAA activities. These ancillary activities could include, but not be limited to:

- Pep rallies;
- Award or honor ceremonies;
- Lettering events;
- Yearbook or other promotional functions; and
- Other events or programs promoting an activity or honoring students who participate in any such activity.

*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/>

The bill would also provide a student participating in a KSHSAA activity in this manner to be entitled to all rights and subject to all responsibilities of any other participating student except as otherwise provided for in law, regardless of the student's enrollment status.

The bill would deem it unlawful for any school district or the KSHSAA to discriminate against any student who meets the requirements of the law based upon the student's enrollment status.

Eligibility Requirements

The bill would amend the eligibility requirements so that a student who meets the following requirements may participate in KSHSAA-regulated activities in the school district in which the Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science (KAMS) is located:

- Be enrolled in KAMS;
- Comply with requirements established in law;
- Meet applicable age and eligibility requirements set forth by KSHSAA; and
- Pay any fees required by the school district on all students participating in the activity.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Education at the request of Senator Erickson.

Senate Committee on Education

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kriegshauser/Ney Law Group and two private citizens. The proponents spoke

about their experience of being restricted by the school district in which they participated in sports activities from lettering or participating in award and honor ceremonies. The proponents generally stated that the bill would help ensure virtual and non-public students who participate in public school KSHSAA activities are able to participate fully, regardless of their enrollment status.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of Kansas Family Voice.

Neutral testimony was provided by a representative of KSHSAA. The conferee stated that the process for addressing the concerns brought by the proponents should involve discussion with the school coach and administration first, and then, if not resolved, discussion with KSHSAA, as it expects its members to treat non-enrolled students like all other team members. As such, the conferee stated they believe the bill is redundant and unnecessary.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to add students attending KAMS to the eligibility requirements found in the bill.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on state aid to school districts or state expenditures.

The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates that enactment of the bill could marginally increase costs on school district activity programs; however, any fiscal effect would depend upon the number of additional participating students.

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