

SESSION OF 2025

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 49**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Education

**Brief\***

SB 49 would amend law concerning educational attendance centers needs assessments to require input from board members, teachers who are employed by the district, school site councils, and attendance center administrators. The bill would also require completed assessments to be published on the school district's website.

Continuing law requires the board of education in each school district to conduct a yearly assessment of education needs of attendance centers of the district yearly. continuing law also states that this assessment should be used during the budget approval process.

This bill would clarify that the local school board of education would conduct the needs assessment. In addition, the bill would require that each member of the school board receive state assessment results for the district indicating the number of students who scored at each level on such assessments. The current levels of assessments are levels 1, 2, 3, and 4.

The bill would also require any allocation to a fund or reallocation of moneys among funds to be identified in the budget and summary.

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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 <https://klrd.gov/>

## **Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Education at the request of a representative of the Kansas Policy Institute.

### ***Senate Committee on Education***

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Policy Institute. The proponent stated that this bill would allow the local school boards of education to ensure improvement of academic performance. The bill would also allow for budgets to be made with student performance in mind.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas School Board Resource Center.

**Opponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Association of School Boards, United School Administrators, and the Kansas PTA Advocacy Team. The opponents stated that elected school boards are relied on to provide oversight and the bill would decrease local control. According to opponents, guidelines by these officials are already being followed and do not need to be changed through this bill.

No other testimony was provided.

## **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Department of Education stated that the enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect for the agency. The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates that the enactment of the bill would require additional involvement of local boards of education in the school building needs assessment process. The bill would require additional administrative processes for local boards of education; however, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Education; needs assessments; state assessments; local school boards