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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2015

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

HB 2015 would remove the sunset date of June 30, 2012, for the current method of calculating the local option budget of a school district. The bill would extend this provision indefinitely. Under current law, when the base state aid per pupil (BSAPP) is \$4,433 or less, a school board may calculate the local option budget based on a BSAPP of \$4,433, or an amount that does not exceed an amount of 30.0 percent of its general fund budget, whichever is greater; plus the amount received in special education state aid in school year 2008-09, or the current appropriation, whichever is higher.

Background

The bill was recommended by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee. Proponents of the bill included representatives of the Kansas Association of School Boards, United School Administrators of Kansas, and the Olathe, Shawnee Mission, and Wichita School Districts. There were no opponents.

The House Education Committee amended the bill by adding the June 30, 2014, sunset date.

The Senate Education Committee removed the House amendment which added a sunset date of June 30, 2014.

*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>

The Division of the Budget fiscal note stated that if the current method of calculating the local option budget is allowed to expire on June 30, 2012, the Kansas Department of Education estimated that the local option budget state aid would be reduced by approximately \$42.5 million in FY 2013, as school districts would no longer be able to use a BSAPP of \$4,433 for its local option budget calculation. The fiscal note continues by stating that state aid would not change from amounts included in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*, for FY 2011 and FY 2012 as the Governor's recommendation for local option budget state aid is based on current law.