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*SESSION OF 2011*

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 11**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Education

**Brief\***

SB 11, as amended, would allow Fort Leavenworth Unified School District 207 to transport grades 10 through 12 students who reside at Fort Leavenworth to Leavenworth High School in Unified School District 453. The bill would require related transportation weighting to be calculated using only students counted on September 20.

The bill also would change the school finance law to redefine non-resident pupil. The bill would define a non-resident pupil as a student or member of the student's family who lives 2.5 or more miles from the attendance center the student would attend in the district in which the student resides. Current law defines a non-resident pupil as a student or member of the student's family who lives ten miles or more from the resident attendance center. In addition, the bill would clarify that provisions of the bill would not apply to school districts located in Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee, or Wyandotte counties.

**Background**

The original SB 11, related to the Fort Leavenworth School District, was introduced by Senator Kelly Kultula.

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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 <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Supporting the original SB 11 was Jack E. Walker, Deputy to the Garrison Commander, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, who testified that this bill is important to students who reside on Fort Leavenworth, in Unified School District 453 (Unified School District 207 only has grades K through 9). This legislation will fill a gap in funding that will be created at the end of the 2010-2011 school year when the Department of Defense Education Activity will discontinue funding for this transportation. The superintendent of the Fort Leavenworth School District also testified in support of the bill.

There was no opponent testimony.

The House Committee on Education amended SB 11 by adding the contents of HB 2004 which would redefine non-resident pupils. The original HB 2004, which would eliminate all mileage limitations regarding non-resident pupils desiring to attend an attendance center other than the district in which the pupil resides, was introduced by Representative Richard Carlson. Concerned citizens were proponents of the original bill. Representatives of the Kansas Association of School Boards and Cherokee School District, USD 247, were opponents of the original bill. The House Committee on Education also amended the bill limiting the transportation weighting to be received by the Fort Leavenworth School District to be based only on the September 20 student count.

According to the Kansas Department of Education's original SB 11 fiscal note, there are approximately 100 students who live on the Fort Leavenworth military reservation who are eligible for transportation to Unified School District 453. Since these students currently are not counted in the enrollment of Unified School District 207, these students would be added to the transportation weighting to Unified School District 207, which would result in approximately \$550 state aid per student in FY 2012. As a result, enactment of SB 11 would result in additional transportation aid from the State General Fund totaling \$55,000 (100 students x \$550). Any fiscal effect associated

with SB 11 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Division of the Budget fiscal note on the original HB 2004 indicated the bill would have no fiscal effect on transportation state aid; non-resident students do not receive state funding for transportation.