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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 51**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Education

**Brief\***

SB 51 would require all school districts to consider adopting a policy regarding administration of over-the-counter medications to students enrolled in the district. The bill would allow districts adopting such policies to determine whether a parent's, legal guardian's, or health care provider's written authorization would be required before an over-the-counter medication is administered to a student. Finally, the bill would require that any policy regarding administration of over-the-counter medications be reviewed by the local board of education at least once every three years.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by Senator Faust-Goudeau. Proponents of the bill include representatives of the Augusta School District, Kansas Association of School Boards, the Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and an interested parent, a former school nurse, and a former school social worker. Opponents of the bill included representatives of the Wichita and Olathe school districts and a former school nurse. A representative of the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy presented neutral testimony.

The Senate Education Committee amended the bill by requiring districts to consider adopting a policy regarding administration of over-the-counter medications with or without a parent's, legal guardian's or health care provider's written

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authorization. The Committee also added an amendment requiring that such a policy be reviewed at least once every three years.

The fiscal note from the Division of the Budget on the original bill indicated there would be no fiscal effect.