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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1619**

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

SCR 1619, as amended, would declare the Kansas Legislature supports the implementation and oversight by the Kansas State Board of Education of a statewide information technology education program in Kansas public schools that offers up-to-date information technology curriculum, industry-recognized certifications, sustainable long-term learning framework, and professional development for instructors.

The resolution provides a number of findings, including the following:

- The Legislature intends to prepare students to be productive citizens in the 21st century;
- Many Kansas employers already demand the latest information technology skills and industry-recognized information technology certifications;
- Employment in the information technology field is projected to grow rapidly as employers and consumers continue to increase the use of these services; and
- Over the next decade, information technology employment opportunities are projected to outpace those in similar professional, scientific, and technical industries.

*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>

Background

Proponents at the hearing before the Senate Committee on Education included representatives of the Microsoft Corporation and the Kansas Association of School Boards. No neutral or opposing testimony was received.

The Senate Committee amended the resolution to specify that the State Board of Education would be the entity the Legislature expects to implement and oversee the statewide information and technology education program.

No fiscal note was issued on the resolution.