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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2622

As Recommended by House Committee on
Education

Brief*

HB 2622 would amend the Kansas Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institution Act by modifying a definition, changing some fees, and repealing two statutes.

Specifically, the bill would amend the definition of an institution having its principal place in Kansas to one that is “chartered, incorporated, or otherwise organized under the laws of Kansas.” (This would replace the term “domiciled” in Kansas.)

The bill would change the fee charged by the Board of Regents (Board) for processing and issuing GED credentials from \$15 to \$25.

The bill would reduce the minimum fees collected for Kansas institutions’ application renewals, including branch campus site renewals, to \$500 (from \$800) for non-degree granting institutions and to \$1,000 (from \$1,600) for degree granting institutions. The deadline for submitting renewal applications would change to at least 60 days prior to expiration, and the late fee for application renewals would increase to \$500 (from \$125).

Out-of-state institution renewal fees would decrease to \$1,000 (from \$2,400) for non-degree granting institutions and to \$2,000 (from \$3,000) for degree granting institutions.

*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>

Finally, the statute creating the Advisory Commission on Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institutions would be repealed (KSA 74-32,166), as well as a statute limiting the amounts that these institutions could collect prior to students receiving classroom instruction (KSA 74-32,176).

Background

In the House Committee on Education, a representative of the Kansas Board of Regents was the only proponent to the bill. There was no other testimony.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget estimated the GED fee increase would provide an additional \$56,670 in FY 2017. This amount was based on an estimate of 5,667 duplicate credentials issued in FY 2015 (5,667 times \$10 increased fee). Regarding the fee decreases in the bill, the fiscal note stated the fee fund would decrease by 2.0 percent; however, this would align revenues with the Board expenses. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.