

SESSION OF 2015

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE
BILL NO. 60**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

Sub. for SB 60 would provide that any student who is a resident of a school district must be allowed to participate in any activities the school district offers, regardless of whether the student attends a school in that school district full time, when the student attends a school registered with the Kansas State Board of Education and the school attests to compliance with academic requirements for participation; submits an immunization record in accordance with the statute requiring public school students to submit such record; and submits proof of insurance if required by the school district's board of education. The bill states this should not be construed to permit a student to participate in an activity if otherwise prohibited from participating because of truancy or for any reason other than attendance.

The bill would provide any student participating in high school activities would be subject to the age and eligibility requirements of the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) when not in conflict with provisions of the bill. Further, the bill would mandate payment of any fees required to participate in such activities. Finally, the bill would state any liability insurance obtained by a school district that provides coverage of students participating in activities offered by the district also would cover any student who participates in such activities though not attending a school in that district on a full-time basis.

*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

In the Senate Education Committee, Senator Knox and numerous concerned citizens offered testimony in support of the bill. Representatives of the Kansas Association of Middle Level Educators, KSHSAA, and Kansas Music Educators Association presented opponent testimony.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to:

- Require a student to submit an immunization record in accordance with KSA 75-5209 and proof of insurance if required by the school district's board of education;
- Require a student's school to attest to compliance with academic requirements for participation in activities;
- Strike provisions allowing participation for four consecutive school years, regardless of whether the student graduates prior to the completion of the fourth school year up to age 20; instead, the student would be subject to the age and eligibility requirements of KSHSAA;
- Provide any liability insurance obtained by a school district that provides coverage of students participating in activities offered by the district also would cover any student who participates in such activities though not attending a school in that district on a full-time basis; and
- Mandate payment of any fees required to participate in such activity.

Because of the numerous changes to the bill, as introduced, the Senate Committee agreed to recommend a substitute bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates passage of the bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal effect on the Kansas Department of Education; however, it could cause increased expenses for school districts from greater participation in school activities.