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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 93

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

SB 93 would amend the definition of “eligible postsecondary educational institution” to include Johnson County Community College (JCCC).

Background

Legislation enacted in 2014 (Senate Sub. for HB 2506) required payments by the Board of Regents to “eligible postsecondary educational institutions” that have provided any of the following to an individual enrolled in the institution: receipt of a GED credential while enrolled in an eligible career technical education (CTE) program; receipt of a CTE credential; or enrollment in an eligible CTE program. An earlier version of the 2014 bill would have created the JCCC Go Pro Now program, a pilot program for high school students to earn a high school diploma and an associates degree, bachelors degree, or both. Consequently, the JCCC was excluded from the definition of “eligible postsecondary educational institutions.” The Go Pro Now program was later removed from the bill.

In the Senate Education Committee, representatives of Johnson County Community College, the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, and the Kansas Board of Regents appeared in support of the bill. The representatives expressed support for the intent of the portion of the bill that would remove requirements that a student be dual enrolled in a GED credential program and an eligible CTE program.

*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>

There were concerns, however, that the proposed language could be problematic.

The Senate Committee agreed to remove amendments to the bill concerning dual enrollment.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates passage of the bill, as introduced, would be \$12.0 million, including an estimated \$1.4 million for GED completion and \$10.6 million for industry recognized certificates, licenses, and credentials.