SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2123

<u>As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs</u>

Brief*

HB 2123 would remove the requirement that an eligible Kansas National Guard member have at least one year remaining on such member's enlistment contract at the beginning of any semester for which the member receives assistance under the Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance Program (Program) to participate in the Program.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Veterans and Military at the request of Representative Dietrich.

In the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Kansas Adjutant General's Department testified in favor of the bill. The proponent stated Air National Guard members can only re-enlist 90 days prior to the end of their service, and some Air Guard Members would only be able to qualify for the Program if they signed a one-year extension and waited to participate in the Program until their next 90-day re-enlistment period. The proponent also stated extending services rather than re-enlisting could potentially require the member to postpone receipt of a federal re-enlistment bonus.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

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*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

The House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

In the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs hearing, a representative of the Kansas Adjutant General's Department testified in favor of the bill.

No other testimony was provided.

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According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Adjutant General's Department indicates the number of guard members eligible for tuition assistance would not increase.