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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2085

As Recommended by House Committee on
Education

Brief*

HB 2085 would require the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) to ensure the distribution, electronic or otherwise, of certain information to all students in grades 7 through 12. Information to be distributed would include:

- The State Board of Regents degree prospectus information;
- The placement and salary report of the Kansas Training Information Program; and
- Any other information relevant to students' understanding of potential earnings as determined by the Department of Labor and each branch of the armed services of the U.S. military.

The bill would also authorize KSDE to enter into memorandums of understanding and other agreements with state agencies or other entities as needed to accomplish this task.

The provisions of the bill would be known as the Students' Right to Know Act.

*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

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Education at the request of Representative Huebert.

[*Note:* HB 2085 contains provisions similar to those of 2020 HB 2519, as amended by the House Committee on Education.]

House Committee on Education

At the House Committee hearing on the bill, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the State Board of Regents and Opportunity Solutions Project, who stated the bill would give Kansas students helpful information as they consider their activities after high school. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Independent College Association.

No neutral or **opponent** testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KSDE indicates it is not currently authorized to collect student email addresses and would need to rely on school districts to assist in distribution of the information required in the bill. Further, any costs incurred by KSDE would be negligible. The State Board of Regents indicates any costs related to the enactment of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Degree information; Education; State Board of Regents; Students' Right to Know Act