

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2271

As Amended by House Committee on K-12
Education Budget

Brief*

HB 2271, as amended, would require creation of a parent portal on each school district's website, permit a student whose parent or guardian is a school district employee to enroll in that district regardless of residence, and require consideration of homelessness when determining enrollment status.

Parent Portal (Section 1)

The bill would require school districts to create a parent portal on the school district's website and update the information annually on or before August 15. The district would be required to include the following information to be posted on the parent portal:

- Number of nonresident student transfers approved, denied, and whether denial was due to capacity limitations or district policies;
- A copy of all academic tests, questionnaires, surveys, or examinations as required by law; and
- A list of the school district's adopted curriculum, organized by grade level, including:
 - Textbooks;
 - Required reading books; and

*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>

- Units of study by theme, chapter, or subject matter.

The bill would require all curriculum information to include the title, author, publishing company, and year of publication of all books listed. The bill would also exempt teacher lesson plans from posting requirements.

The bill would state the publication of information included in the parent portal is an administrative duty and shall not be imposed by the district on teachers and is required to be posted only once a year.

Open Enrollment (Section 2)

Nonresident Children of School District Employees

The bill would allow any nonresident student whose parent or guardian is an employee of the school to be permitted to enroll in that school district without going through the nonresident student open-seat lottery process established in law.

Children Experiencing Homelessness

The bill would allow any student experiencing homelessness to be permitted to enroll in their school of origin or school of residence. The bill would require that when considering the standing of a student experiencing homelessness, the school district must consider the obstacles the student faces due to housing instability, lack of transportation, or lack of other necessary resources.

The bill would require school districts to provide transportation services for students experiencing homelessness comparable to those offered to nonresident students.

Background

The bill was introduced by Representative Johnson.

House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

In the House Committee hearing, written-only **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of Kansas PTA.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided representatives of USD 262, Valley Center Schools and the Kansas National Education Association.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to:

- Require creation of a parent portal on each school district's website;
- Require consideration of homelessness when determining a student's enrollment status; and
- Require school districts provide students experiencing homelessness with transportation services comparable to those provided to nonresident students.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Department of Education indicates enactment of the bill would not result in additional costs for the agency.

Open enrollment; parent portal; homeless student