

SESSION OF 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2731

As Amended by House Committee on Education

Brief*

HB 2731, as amended, would require the State Board of Education (State Board), on or before January 15 of each year, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature on students who have taken the statewide assessments. This report would include the following:

- The number and percentage of students who took the statewide assessments during the prior school year broken down by core academic area (English Language Arts, Math, and Science) by grade level; and
- The percentage of students who took the statewide assessment in grade 10 and who obtained some postsecondary education two years after graduation from high school broken down by statewide achievement level.

The bill would also require the State Board to publish the information required for the report on the website of the State Department of Education and include such information in the performance accountability reports and longitudinal achievement reports required under continuing law.

The provisions of the bill requiring this report would expire on July 1, 2029.

*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 Estes.

House Committee on Education

In the House Committee hearing on February 20, 2024, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Estes and a representative of the Kansas Policy Institute. The proponents stated the bill would help the Legislature and the public have a better understanding of the statewide assessment results by providing the total number of students participating in the statewide assessment and outcomes related to college and career readiness.

Opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the State Board. The conferee stated the report being mandated by the bill could be provided to the Legislature or standing committees on education without becoming law.

No other testimony was provided.

The bill was withdrawn from the House Committee on February 22, 2024, and referred to the House Committee on Appropriations. The bill was re-referred to the House Committee on Education on February 23, 2024.

On March 12, 2024, the House Committee amended the bill to add a five-year sunset. The provisions of the bill would expire July 1, 2029.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the State Department of Education indicates the additional administrative requirements for the bill would be performed by existing staff

of the agency. However, if the combined effect of implementing the bill and other enacted legislation exceeds the agency's administrative resources, additional expenditures for administrative costs beyond the agency's current budget in future years may be required. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

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