

SESSION OF 2020

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 353**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Education

**Brief\***

SB 353 would amend law that requires the board of education of each school district to conduct an assessment of the educational needs of each school in the district and requires the information from the needs assessment to be used when preparing the school district's budget (KSA 72-1163). The bill would add language stating the information obtained from the needs assessments shall be used when preparing the budget of the school district to ensure improvement in student academic performance. The bill would require school district budgets to allocate sufficient moneys in a manner reasonably calculated to ensure all students achieve the *Rose* capacities, which are codified in KSA 72-3218(c).

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Education at the request of a representative of the Kansas Policy Institute.

In the Senate Committee hearing, proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Policy Institute, who stated student proficiency and attainment of statutory educational goals by all students should be an overriding consideration. Opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of School Boards, stating the bill is unnecessary and student

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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>

achievement is not solely about the allocation of resources and the local level.

No neutral testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas State Department of Education states the bill would have no fiscal effect on state aid to school districts.