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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2175

As Recommended by House Committee on
Local Government

Brief*

HB 2175 would be known as the Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center District Act.

The bill would require the board of county commissioners (commission) of Douglas County to submit the question of the creation of the Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center District (District) to the voters of Douglas County at the next primary, general, or special election.

Upon approval by a majority of county voters, the bill would dissolve the existing board of directors for Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center (Center). It would also require the commission to establish by resolution the first board of directors for the District, composed of seven members; the criteria for serving on such board; and the terms of office for the first board.

The bill would require all contracts previously entered into and all outstanding bonds, debts, and other obligations of the Center to be assumed by the District.

District Board Requirements

The bill would require the board of the District (Board) to annually:

- Elect a chairperson, secretary, and treasurer;

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- Elect other officers deemed necessary by the Board;
- Fix the date and place of the regular board meeting;
- Adopt bylaws as appropriate;
- File a bond with the Douglas County Clerk;
- Maintain accurate records of all moneys received and disbursed; and
- Prepare and publish an annual budget for the maintenance and support of the district.

District Powers

The bill would authorize the District to:

- Enter into contracts;
- Sue and be sued;
- Acquire, hold, and convey real and personal property;
- Make and adopt rules and regulations for the administration of the District;
- Lease land and buildings;
- Acquire material and equipment necessary for maintenance or extension of the Center;
- Employ persons as the Board deems necessary;
- Make annual reports of receipts and disbursements to Douglas County;
- Receive, accept, and administer money received from the State, federal government, or private donors; and
- Receive and accept donations.

Taxing Authority

The bill would authorize the Board to levy a property tax not to exceed 0.50 mils for all taxable, tangible property in the

District (Douglas County). The tax levy would not be considered a tax levy of Douglas County.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Local Government at the request of Representative Amyx.

[*Note:* HB 2175 contains provisions identical to those of HB 2035, excluding the property tax limit and increase.]

House Committee on Local Government

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Amyx and representatives of the Center and The Chamber of Lawrence, Kansas. The proponents generally stated the program has been successful, and the District would provide a stable income source for the Center if approved by Douglas County voters .

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

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Association of Counties states the bill would have no fiscal impact on the State and would be budget neutral for Douglas County.

Local government; special district; Douglas County; Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center