HB 2018, as further amended, would revise the provision in the school finance law concerning the calculation of the high-density at-risk pupil weighting.

The bill would provide for a linear transition formula to calculate the high-density at-risk pupil weighting for districts having between 35 percent and 50 percent at-risk pupils. For those districts having an at-risk pupil percentage of 50 percent or more, or for districts having an enrollment of at least 35.1 percent at-risk pupils and an enrollment density of at least 212.1 pupils per square mile, the district would multiply the number of at-risk pupils by 0.105 to determine the high-density at-risk weighting. For those districts having between 35 percent to less than 50 percent at-risk pupils, the district would multiply the number of at-risk pupils by a factor of 0.7.

The medium-density at-risk weighting would expire on June 30, 2013.

Background

HB 2018 was introduced during the 2011 session. At the hearing on the bill in 2011, proponents included representatives of the Kansas Association of School Boards and the Kansas City, Kansas, School District. There were no opponents.

*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
The Committee on Education - in the current session - made technical amendments to the bill.

The Division of the Budget fiscal note on the original bill included an estimate of $3,347,680 additional State General Funding for FY 2012. There was no fiscal note for the bill as further amended.