Brief*

HB 2777 amends the current special education state aid law to include special teachers who assist in providing special education and related services to students at the Kansas State School for the Blind and Kansas State School for the Deaf when calculating special education state aid for each district. The State Board of Education may charge a home school district, the district in which a student would reside or would otherwise be enrolled in if not attending the School for the Blind or School for the Deaf, for services provided by special teachers who assist in providing special education and related services to students at either school per an individualized education program.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Background

The bill was introduced in the House Appropriations Committee. Current law does not allow the State School for the Blind or the State School for the Deaf to charge a student's home school district for services provided to a student by a paraprofessional or instructional assistant. At the hearing on the bill, no one testified.

The fiscal note on the bill indicates that while HB 2777 would not require additional state funding, there would be a small reduction to special education categorical aid per teacher.

*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