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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2820

As Recommended by House Committee on
Higher Education

Brief*

HB 2820 concerns general education, vocational, and technical courses taken at technical colleges and would give the State Board of Regents the authority to determine the number of clock hours of instruction that would be equal to a credit hour for purposes of programs that lead to the associate of applied science degree. Under current law, a credit hour is equal to 15 clock hours of instruction in general education courses or 30 clock hours of instruction in vocational or technology education courses.

Background

Conferees appearing in support of HB 2820 before the House Committee included representatives of the State Board of Regents, the Wichita Area Technical College, and Cessna Aircraft Company. The representative of the State Board of Regents said the Board supports the bill because it is a step in the process of coordinating higher education in Kansas and explained that the bill would give the Board the same authority over technical colleges with regard to clock hour-credit hour equivalency as it currently has over community colleges.

A fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal impact on the state.

*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/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi>