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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2832

As Amended by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2832 would require any curriculum that includes pregnancy-related instruction to also include specific information about fetal development and a description of all methods of abortion. This requirement would apply to secondary schools, colleges, universities, community colleges, or institutions or agencies that receive public moneys. Methods for implementing the requirements of the bill would be determined by the governing body of the institution. A parent or legal guardian could choose to remove his or her child from this instruction by notifying the school administration.

The House Committee amended the bill to:

- ! Delete the provision which would have penalized an institution 2.0 percent of its state aid for failure to implement the act;
- ! Delete the provision which required certain children to be removed from all reproductive education;
- ! Delete the provision which allowed ten parents to bring an action in district court for implementation of the act; and
- ! Delete the term "non-judgemental" throughout the bill.

Background

Representative Dan Williams testified in favor of the bill. Testifying in opposition to the bill were representatives of Kansas Religious Leaders for Choice, the Kansas Choice Alliance, the National Organization for Women, and the Wichita public schools.

^{*}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

The fiscal note indicates that the fiscal effect of the bill cannot be determined.