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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2113

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

The bill would amend existing law regarding speed limits for school buses by repealing existing speed limits and authorizing local boards of education to establish maximum speed limits for the district's buses. Locally established speed limits could not exceed posted speed limits established in state law.

Existing school bus speed limits that would be repealed by the bill are: 45 miles per hour (mph) on dirt, sand, or gravel surface roads; and 55 mph on all other roads.

The bill also includes technical amendments to existing law.

The bill would become effective on July 1, 2003.

Background

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to permit local boards of education to establish, for district school buses, speed limits lower than those posted in accordance with state law.

The introduced version of the bill, which was recommended by the House Transportation Committee, would have created a maximum speed limit of 65 mph for school buses on divided, multilane highways with a posted speed limit of 70 mph. Existing speed limits applicable to school buses traveling on other types of roads and highways would not have been changed by the bill.

*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/klrd>

During the House Transportation Committee's hearing on the bill, the Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association presented testimony in support of the bill.

No opponents to the bill presented testimony to the House Committee.

The fiscal note from the Division of the Budget states that the bill would have no effect on any state fund.