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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 41

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 41, as amended, updates the codes for the construction, plumbing and wiring of school buildings.

School buildings would have to comply with the 2000 edition of the international building code, and the 2000 edition of the uniform mechanical code or the 2000 edition of the international mechanical code. Electrical wiring would have to comply with the 1999 issue of the national electric code of the national fire protection association. Minimum plumbing requirements would have to comply with the 2000 edition of the uniform plumbing code or the 2000 edition of the international plumbing code. The construction of mobile, modular, portable or relocatable school, buildings would have to comply with 2000 edition of the life safety code as published by the national fire protection association. The construction of these buildings also would have to comply with the same plumbing standards for school buildings.

The municipal university and postsecondary education institutions would be added to the list of exemptions for compliance to provisions for making buildings accessible by persons with disabilities. The buildings also would be exempt from contracts for construction of school buildings that require the seal of an architect or a professional engineer and the requirement that the contract be submitted to the State Board of Education for approval. In addition, prior to construction of the buildings, a code footprint for evaluation and approval of the fire/life safety features of the building would have to submitted to the Fire Marshal.

The construction or reconstruction of any school building which were required to comply to building, wiring, and plumbing standards prior to January 1, 2006, would remain in effect to coincide with the date

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in which the contract was entered until 2006.

Background

Proponents of the original SB 41 included the Chief Deputy Fire Marshal, and representatives of the Kansas Association of School Boards and AIA Kansas.

Testifying in opposition to the original bill was a representative of the Wichita Public Schools. The representative testified that would the provisions in the original bill would void the codes agreed to prior to this bill for a \$284.5 million bond issue in April 2000.

The Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs amended the bill by changing the date to January 1, 2006, before the new codes would come into effect for contracts signed prior to that date.

The fiscal note on the original bill indicated that there may be an increase in construction costs, however, the bill would not have a fiscal effect on state appropriations. School districts and postsecondary institutions would have to fund the additional costs.