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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 359**

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

**Brief\***

SB 359, as amended, would provide that, for school funding purposes, the enrollment count for part-time students enrolled in alternative schools or programs would be based on the average number of students enrolled the entire week of September 20, instead of only on September 20.

**Background**

SB 359 was requested for introduction by the State Department of Education. Currently, the official enrollment count for school district funding purposes is September 20. Many alternative school students are part-time because they are enrolled in programs that allow them to attend at their own pace. Apparently, some school districts require part-time alternative school students to attend school all day September 20 in order to inflate their enrollment count for school funding purposes. SB 359 would provide that the enrollment count for alternative school students would be the average number of students enrolled during an entire week, the purpose being to generate a more accurate count based on actual part-time attendance.

A representative of the State Department appeared in support of the bill in the Senate Committee. There were no opponents. The Senate Committee's amendment was technical. The amendment added by the Committee of the Whole clarified that the alternative school student enrollment count would be the average of students enrolled during the week of September 20.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, passage of SB 359 would have no fiscal impact.

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\*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>

