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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 373

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

SB 373, as amended, would provide that boards of education of two or more school districts that are considering consolidation may meet to discuss issues relating to consolidation within the boundaries of any of the districts proposing to form the consolidated district.

Background

SB 373 was requested for introduction by the Kansas Association of School Boards. According to testimony by the Association, it is concerned that legal problems could arise if a meeting to discuss consolidation issues is held outside the boundaries of a district participating in the discussion. SB 373 would make it clear that it is legal for districts considering consolidation to hold a meeting to discuss related issues within the boundaries of one of the districts involved.

The Kansas Association of School Boards supported the bill before the Senate Committee. There were no opponents. The Senate Committee amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

According to the Division of the Budget, passage of SB 373 would have no fiscal impact.

*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>