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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 154**

As Amended by House Committee on Education

**Brief\***

SB 154 would create a new statute that directs the State Board of Education to develop nutritional guidelines for all foods and beverages made available to public school students during the school day. In developing the guidelines, the Board would be directed to consult with other state agencies, private foundations, and other entities and to give attention to the provision of healthful foods and beverages, physical activities, and wellness education directed toward the prevention and reduction of childhood obesity. When establishing the wellness policy of the school district, the local board of education would be directed to take into consideration the guidelines developed by the State Board of Education.

**Background**

SB 154 was introduced following presentations to the Public Health and Welfare Committee on the growth of and the dangers associated with childhood obesity. During hearings, support for the bill was expressed by representatives of the Kansas Dental Association, the Kansas Beverage Association, Kansas Action for Children, the Kansas Health Institute, and the Kansas Association of School Boards. The latter suggested the amendments adopted by the Senate Committee.

The House Committee on Education amended the bill by replacing standards with guidelines and deleting the requirements that all local boards of education comply with the State Board of Education standards. The House Committee added language that the local school districts are directed to take into consideration the guidelines developed by the State Board.

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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>

The fiscal note indicates the State Board of Education would require an additional \$20,000 to develop and publicize the standards as required by SB 154.