

SPECIAL SESSION OF 2005

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1804**

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SR 1804, as amended by the Senate Committee, states that the Senate does not accept the Augenblick & Myers school funding study as the benchmark for funding public education in Kansas. The reasons listed for this statement are as follows:

- In 2001, the Legislature contracted with the consulting firm of Augenblick & Myers to provide an evaluation of the cost of a "suitable education" for Kansas students, as required by the *Kansas Constitution*.
- The study was used extensively by the District and Supreme Courts in their determination as to what constitutes a suitable education.
- The study provided two cost approaches, the successful school district approach and the professional judgment approach.
- The Legislature receives and considers hundreds of pieces of legislation and studies each year, and it is common practice to accept parts or pieces of a bill or a study while rejecting the rest.

Background

The resolution as introduced stated that the Senate "has considered the Augenblick & Myers study to be unreliable and lacking credibility and the study was unfortunately relied upon by the courts in their call for expensive and expansive changes to a system which

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currently produces students performing in the top ten states in the country.”