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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 329

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

SB 329, as amended, would change the requirement for reviewing curricular standards from three to seven years. In addition, the bill would provide clarification language about high academic standards for the core academic areas.

Background

The bill was the work of the Legislative Education Planning Committee during the 2005 Interim. During the hearings on the bill, representatives of Kansas National Education Association (KNEA) and Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) expressed concern with the removal of the language stating that curriculum standards shall be "equal to the best standards."

The Senate Committee amended the bill by rewriting the sections so that the State Board of Education is to establish curriculum standards which reflect high academic standards for the core academic areas of mathematics, science, reading, writing and social studies to reflect the concerns of KNEA and KASB.

The fiscal note indicates that enactment of the bill could reduce expenditures in future years now made from federal funds for reviewing curriculum standards. However, any possible savings would be negligible. No state monies currently are spent on review of curriculum standards.

*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>