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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 549**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Appropriations

**Brief\***

SB 549, as amended, would create the State Library of Kansas Board and abolish the State Library Advisory Commission, as established by KSA 75-2546, and the Kansas Library Network Board, as established by KSA 75-3223. The duties and responsibilities of the abolished Board and Commission would be transferred to the newly created Board.

The State Library of Kansas Board would consist of 12 members: seven would be professional librarians, one would be a trustee of a public library, two would represent the general public (the 10 members would be appointed by the Governor), two would be *ex officio* that would includes the Commissioner of Education and the State Librarian.

The Board would be required to cooperate, and encourage cooperation, in the implementation of the KAN-Ed network and to ensure that there is no duplication of services and expenditures.

In addition, the bill would require that regional public library districts base the certified property tax levies relative to their budget on the preliminary abstract of property values submitted to the Property Valuation Division (PVD) pursuant to KSA 79-1604.

The bill would include the Children's Internet Protection Act. The Act would require that every public library to install Internet filtering devices or technology on all computers available for use by minors. Library staff would be able to allow a minor to use a computer that is not equipped with an Internet filtering device if the staff has received a written letter of consent from the minor's parent or guardian.

The Act also requires that a library must certify to the State Librarian that the library is undertaking action to comply with filtering technology requirements in the bill before receiving any state grant-in-

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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>

aid funding for calendar year 2007. Prior to receiving any state funding for calendar year 2008, a library must certify to the State Librarian that the library is in compliance with filtering technology requirements. Any library that fails to submit certification required in the bill would be ineligible to receive any grant-in-aid from the State Library. However, no library would be required to comply with the Act until the state has appropriated sufficient funds to pay for Internet filtering technology.

## **Background**

Proponents who testified in favor of the bill included: the Deputy State Librarian, State Library of Kansas; the Director of Salina Public Library; and Executive Director, Kansas Library Association. No opponents testified.

The Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs amended the bill to reduce the composition of the proposed Board from 14 to 12, and require the Board to cooperate and encourage cooperation by libraries in implementation of the KANEd network.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to require that regional public library districts base the certified property tax levies relative to their budget on the preliminary abstract of property values submitted to the Property Valuation Division (PVD) pursuant to KSA 79-1604.

The House Committee on Appropriations amended the bill to include the Children's Internet Protection Act.

The fiscal note on the original bill indicates that there would be no fiscal effect on State revenues.