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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2695**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Higher Education

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2695 would authorize Kansas Comprehensive Grant Program awards to Kansas residents enrolled at Kansas institutions accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education if students at those institutions received the award in FY 2006 and if the institutions are actively pursuing accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association by FY 2007. The provisions of the bill would expire in FY 2011 or when the institutions receive North Central accreditation.

Under current law, only Kansas residents enrolled at Kansas institutions accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association are eligible for the Comprehensive Grant Program. At this time, Barclay College is the only Kansas institution accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education which is not also accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

Background

The bill as introduced amended statutes governing the Kansas Comprehensive Grant Program to authorize awards for students at institutions accredited by the American Association of Bible Colleges. Proponents at the House Higher Education Committee hearing on the bill as introduced included Representative Dennis McKinney, Representative Dick Kelsey, and the President and several students of Barclay College. Written testimony in opposition to the bill as introduced was received from the Kansas Association of Independent Colleges and the Board of Regents.

*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 House Committee recommended a substitute bill to provide that institutions with students who received the award in FY 2006 would be eligible for the award until FY 2011 or until the institution receives accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. The Committee amendment also would require active pursuit of North Central accreditation by FY 2007.