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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2425

As Amended by House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

Brief*

HB 2425, as amended, would broaden the class of persons who would qualify to pay in-state tuition at state educational institutions to include any person who is a member of the Kansas national guard. Additionally, the definition of "military service" is expanded to include membership in the Kansas army or air national guard.

Background

The proponent of the bill was Randy Mettner, Executive Officer for the Adjutant General's Department, on behalf of the Adjutant General, Major General Tod Bunting.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

Robin Kempf, Interim General Counsel for the Board of Regents, provided neutral testimony on the bill. Ms. Kempf testified that current regulations allow for active Kansas National Guard members to be considered residents for purposes of paying tuition and fees at state educational institutions. This bill would broaden the exemption to all Kansas National Guard members regardless of whether they have been called to active duty or not.

The Committee amended the bill to expand the definition of military service to include membership in the Kansas Army or Air National Guard and to make technical amendments.

The fiscal note from the Division of Budget on the original bill estimated the fiscal effect to be negligible since it would be limited to the difference between resident and non-resident tuition.

^{*}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