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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 73

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

SB 73 would provide an alternative formula for the calculation of the local option budget of a school district. The bill would authorize a school district to calculate its local option budget using a base state aid per pupil (BSAPP) of \$4,433 (the amount of BSAPP for the current school year) in any school year in which the BSAPP is less than that amount. The bill also would authorize a school district to calculate its local option budget using an amount equal to the amount appropriated for state aid for special education and related services in school year 2008-2009. (A school district may enact a local option budget up to a maximum of 31 percent of the district's state financial aid, which includes the BSAPP multiplied by a district's adjusted enrollment, and state aid for special education.)

Background

Proponents of the bill included: Senator Vratil; representatives of the Kansas Association of School Boards, United School Administrators of Kansas, Schools for Quality Education; and Seaman, Sabetha, Shawnee Mission, Blue Valley, Kansas City, Kansas, Topeka, and Olathe school districts.

The Senate Committee on Education amended the bill by authorizing adoption of a local option budget for the 2008-2009 and future school years based on a BSAPP of \$4,433. The

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Committee also amended the bill to authorize a local option budget based on the appropriated amount for the school district for state aid for special education and related services in school year 2008-2009.

The Division of Budget fiscal note on the original bill indicated there would be no requirement for any additional state appropriations. In addition, the fiscal note stated that the Department of Education indicated that freezing the BSAPP at \$4,433 would have negligible effects on school districts.