

SPECIAL SESSION OF 2016

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 1

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 1 would amend statutes relating to school finance. Specifically, the bill would alter the statutory formula for providing Supplemental General State Aid for FY 2017 and amend laws related to virtual school state aid, general state aid, the extraordinary need fund, hold harmless funding under 2015 HB 2655, and federal funding for certain pre-kindergarten programs.

Appropriations

The bill would appropriate \$99,408,027 for Supplemental General State Aid. The bill also would change the appropriation for the School District Extraordinary Need Fund to \$8,000,000 and lapse \$61,792,947 of School District Equalization State Aid.

The bill would lapse \$4,100,000 of the appropriation of the Children's Initiative Fund and transfer \$4,100,000 from the Children's Initiative Fund to the State General Fund. It also would direct the Department for Children and Families to expend \$4,100,000 from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Fund for the purpose of providing additional funding for programs provided by the Department of Education.

*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>

Supplemental General State Aid

The bill would reinstate the Supplemental General State Aid formula that was in effect prior to the enactment of 2015 House Sub. for SB 7.

Virtual School State Aid

The bill would change the amount school districts would receive for each full-time virtual school student for FY 2017 from \$5,600 to \$5,000.

General State Aid

The bill would change the amount of General State Aid each school district would receive in FY 2017 to 99.5 percent of the amount of General State Aid each school district received in FY 2016.

Other Provisions

The bill also eliminate the School District Equalization State Aid created in 2016 Senate Sub. for HB 2655. The bill would include a severability clause.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

At the hearing on the bill, testimony was provided by representatives of Game On for Kansas Schools, Kansas Action for Children, Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas Policy Institute, Kansas PTA, and several school districts, and by a private citizen. Written testimony was provided by the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, the Kansas School Superintendents Association and United School

Administrators of Kansas, the Kansas State Department of Education, the League of Women Voters of Kansas, Schools for Fair Funding, and several school districts. The hearing was held jointly with the House Committee on Appropriations.