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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 22

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

SB 22, as amended, would establish the Teacher Education Competitive Grant Program for state universities and Washburn University. The Program's intent is to increase the number of students in courses of study leading to licensure to teach in a hard-to-fill teaching discipline or who agree to teach in an underserved area.

Institutions wishing to establish or expand a teacher education program apply to the Kansas Board of Regents for a competitive grant to pay the costs of the program. Grants would be matched on the basis of two dollars from the Teacher Education Grant Program for every one dollar from the institution receiving the grant.

Background

At the hearing on the bill, representatives of the Kansas National Education Association, State Board of Education, Shawnee Mission School District, and the Kansas Board of Regents testified on behalf of the bill. The bill had no opponents.

The Senate Education Committee amended the bill by making a technical amendment.

The fiscal note indicated the FY 2008 *Governor's Budget Report* included \$1.0 million from the State General Fund for this Program.

*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>