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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 69**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Education

**Brief\***

SB 69, as amended, would make changes to the School District Finance and Quality Performance Act. Specifically, the bill would lower the maximum percentage of Local Option Budget (LOB), required in order for a school district to access the cost-of-living weighting or the declining enrollment weighting, to the state-prescribed percentage.

The bill would require that in order for school districts to qualify for the cost-of-living or declining enrollment weighting, the district would have had to adopt an LOB in an amount equal to the state prescribed percentage, except for those districts which had levied a tax for such purposes in school year 2006-2007. Any district which had levied a tax for such purposes in school year 2006-2007 could continue to make the levy in the same amount levied in school year 2006-2007 as long as the district adopts an LOB in an amount which equaled or exceeded the amount of LOB adopted in school year 2006-2007.

In addition, the bill would reduce the amount of revenue which may be derived from the cost-of-living weighting from 5 percent of the general fund budget of the district, to 4 percent in school year 2007-2008; 3 percent in school year 2008-2009; and 2 percent in school year 2009-2010 and each year thereafter.

The bill would become effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

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\*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>

## **Background**

At the hearing on the bill, representatives of the Shawnee Mission School District, Lawrence School District, and the Kansas Association of School Boards testified in favor of the bill. A representative of the Kansas City School District opposed the bill. A representative of the Kansas National Education Association testified as a neutral on the bill.

The Senate Education Committee amended the bill by changing the date the legislation would take effect to publication in the *Kansas Register*. The Committee also made a technical amendment that deleted a special provision that applied only in school year 2005-2006.

The House Committee on Education amended the bill to restore the requirement that in order to qualify for the cost-of-living or declining enrollment weighting a district must have adopted an LOB in an amount equal to the state prescribed percentage, except for those districts which had levied a tax for such purposes in school year 2006-2007. Any district which had levied a tax for such purposes in school year 2006-2007 could continue to make the levy in the same amount levied in school year 2006-2007 as long as the district adopts an LOB in an amount which equals or exceeds the amount of LOB adopted in school year 2006-2007.

The House Education Committee also amended the bill to reduce the amount of revenue which may be derived from the cost-of-living weighting from 5 percent of the general fund budget of the district to 4 percent in school year 2007-2008; 3 percent in school year 2008-2009; and 2 percent in school year 2009-2010 and each school year thereafter.

The fiscal note related to the original bill indicated that SB 69 would require no additional state appropriation because the cost-of-living weighting is financed through a local property tax. The fiscal note did not address the declining enrollment weight. However, no fiscal note was available related to the amendments.