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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 143

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

SB 143 would simplify the provisions of law relating to the procedures school districts must follow when adopting local option budgets (LOB). The bill would provide that the board of education of a district could adopt an LOB which would not be subject to protest and election if:

- The proposed LOB authority did not exceed the amount it was authorized to adopt under this section prior to the effective date of this bill; or
- The proposed LOB did not exceed the statewide average percentage of LOB authorized for the preceding school year.

Under this bill, if the district proposed to authorize the adoption of an LOB in excess of the above, the resolution would be subject to publication, protest and election. In addition, the bill would maintain the current provision for a mandatory election if the district proposed to adopt a resolution authorizing LOB in excess of 30 percent of the state financial aid of the district.

Under the bill, the maximum LOB would remain at 31 percent of the state financial aid of the district

The bill would provide that the LOB authority is permanent unless the resolution adopted by the board specifically states otherwise.

*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>

The purposes and limitations imposed on expenditure of LOB funds would be the same as those provided for under current law. The bill would add a provision directing the State Board of Education to determine annually the statewide average percentage of LOBs adopted for the preceding school year.

Background

A representative of the Kansas Association of School Boards testified in support of the bill. There were no opponents to the bill.

The bill was amended by the Senate Education Committee to restore the mandatory election provision.

The fiscal note indicated that \$2,650,000 of additional state costs could be necessary if school districts increased their LOBs to 31 percent because of elimination of the election requirement in the original bill. However, the Senate Education Committee amended the bill to include the election requirement.