

SESSION OF 2007

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 338

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 338 would require that, beginning on July 1, 2007, teachers or other professional service providers at the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) and the Kansas State School for the Deaf (KSSD) are to be paid a rate of compensation that is not less than the rate of compensation paid to teachers or other professional service providers at Unified School District (USD) 233, Olathe, as of September 1 of the current school year. The requirement would apply to teachers or other professional service providers at KSSB and KSSD with levels of education and experience comparable to those at USD 233.

Background

At the Senate Ways and Means Committee hearing on the bill, Senator David Wysong, Representative Arlen Siegfried, the superintendents of the KSSB and the KSSD, and a representative of the Kansas National Education Association testified in favor of the bill. There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to include other professional service providers requiring professional licensure or certification who are paid on the teacher salary scale.

The fiscal note on SB 338 as introduced, from the Division of the Budget, indicated that the fiscal impact of the bill for FY 2008 would be \$189,644 from the State General Fund for the

*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>

difference in the rate of compensation for the 2006-07 school year. This amount includes \$73,209 for the KSSB and \$116,435 for the KSSD. The fiscal note also reported that USD 233 will not complete contract negotiations for the 2007-08 school year until after the end of the legislative session when the KSSB and the KSSD budgets are approved. The estimated fiscal impact for the 2007-08 school year would be based on the difference between the USD 233 teacher salary plan and the State of Kansas salary plan. According to the fiscal note, any fiscal impact resulting from the passage of SB 338 would be in addition to amounts included in *The FY 2008 Governor's Budget Report*.