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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 403

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 403 would amend the Kansas Partnership for Faculty of Distinction Program. The Program, which began in FY 2002, provides for a state contribution of income earnings equivalent to the amount of interest earned on a qualifying private gift to increase funding for the universities by supplementing the endowed professorships' salaries and providing additional support for assistants, travel, equipment, and other expenses. The amount of interest earned is based on the average net earnings rate of the Pooled Money Investment Board portfolio.

Under current law, no additional qualifying gifts can be certified by the State Board of Regents when the total of all transfers for the State General Fund for the earnings equivalent awards for a fiscal year is equal to or greater than \$5.0 million, which is estimated to occur in FY 2009. The bill would increase the limit to \$10.0 million.

The bill, if passed, would take effect on publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

At the hearing held by the Senate Ways and Means Committee, the bill was supported by the Kansas Board of Regents and Johnson County Community College.

There were no opponents.

*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 fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget for the introduced version of SB 403 indicates the passage of bill would result in \$830,000 in additional transfers from the State General Fund in FY 2009.