

SESSION OF 2008

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 459

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 459, as amended, would allow a school district to recompute its general fund budget based on a second enrollment count on February 20. A school district would be eligible for this second count as long as the number of students enrolled in the district on February 20 was at least 25 students or 1.0 percent greater than the count on the preceding September 20. Any increased enrollment on February 20 would be counted as half and added to the September 20 enrollment count. This figure would be used in calculating the school district's general fund budget.

Any additional funding resulting from the February 20 count would be in addition to amounts appropriated from the State General Fund for general state aid for FY 2008.

The provisions allowing for a second count would take effect on July 1, 2009.

Background

The bill was supported by Senator Vratil, Tom Krebs from the Kansas Association of School Boards, and Robert Vancrum from the Blue Valley School District (USD 229). Dr. Gary George from the Olathe School District (USD 233) submitted written testimony.

*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 Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to make the provisions allowing for a second count to take effect on July 1, 2009.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates that passage of the bill would require \$2,468,294 in additional general state aid in fiscal year 2009.