

SESSION OF 2008

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 651

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 651 would appropriate funding to the Board of Regents to the Kansas Academy for Math and Science (KAMS) for fiscal years 2009 through 2015. KAMS is an accelerated residential program for Kansas high school juniors and seniors who are academically talented in science and mathematics. The purpose of KAMS is to provide an opportunity for academically talented pupils to work in a community of peers and to earn simultaneously college credits and a high school diploma at a state educational institution designated by the Board of Regents. The Board designated Fort Hays State University as the site for KAMS in December of 2007. The bill would appropriate funding for the program based on estimates provided by Fort Hays State University and the Board of Regents.

Background

The President of Fort Hays State University spoke in support of the bill, and the President and CEO of the Board of Regents provided written testimony in support of the bill. There were no opponents.

While there was no fiscal note available at the time of the hearing, the Governor's budget recommendation includes \$250,000, all from the State General Fund, for KAMS in FY 2009. The bill would increase expenditures for KAMS by \$45,000, all from the State General Fund, above the Governor's FY 2009 budget recommendation.

*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>