

SESSION OF 2008

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 673

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 673 appropriates funding to the Board of Regents for 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. SB 673 appropriates funding for the program based on estimates provided by Fort Hays State University and the Board of Regents.

In addition, SB 673 appropriated \$20.1 million, all from the State General Fund, for the non-pay plan portion of the Governor's recommended unified operating grant increase in FY 2009.

Background

A representative from Fort Hays State University spoke in support of the bill. There were no opponents.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to include the provisions of SB 651, which provided funding for the KAMS from FY 2009 through FY 2015. The original bill included only FY 2009 funding for KAMS and the postsecondary unified operating grant increase.

*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>

There was no fiscal note available at the time of the hearing. However, the recommended funding for KAMS is \$45,000, all from the State General Fund, above the Governor's recommendation for FY 2009. The funding for FY 2010 to FY 2015 was not included in the Governor's recommended budget. The funding for the unified operating grant increase, absent the pay plan adjustments, is no change from the Governor's recommendation.