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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2714**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Education

**Brief\***

HB 2714 would enact the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. This Compact is intended to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families caused by frequent moves and deployment of their parents. The Compact states it would accomplish seamless transitions for students to new schools by providing instant records transfer and facilitation of the student placement process, including qualification and eligibility for enrollment, student participation in extracurricular activities, scheduling, grading, and assessments. Provisions of the bill would apply to children of active members of the military, including those members severely injured and medically discharged and those retired for a period of up to one year after retirement.

The bill would provide for coordination of compliance with the Compact through creation of a state council or use of an existing body or board, which would be required to appoint a military family member to serve as liaison.

The bill also would make provisions for the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, which would be formed by the states entering into the Compact and consist of one member per state.

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\*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>

## **Background**

Proponents of this bill included Representative Carlin, an official with the Department of Defense, a representative of the Military Impacted Schools Association, and the Superintendent of USD 475 Geary County School District. There were no opponents of the bill at the Committee hearing.

The Division of the Budget fiscal note provided the following information. While the bill does not provide for funding an independent state council, should one be necessary, the bill does authorize an annual assessment on each member's state to provide funding for the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. A tentative estimate of this cost is \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually, but actual costs could be much more or much less. Any additional expenditures, likely from the State General Fund, would be in addition to amounts included in *The FY 2009 Governor's Budget Report*.