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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2758

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2758, as amended, would amend the statute that requires school districts to prohibit bullying on school property, while using school property, in school vehicles, and at school events. The bill would require districts to extend their policies to prohibit cyberbullying. In addition, the bill would require school district anti-bullying policies to prohibit bullying using school property.

The bill also would expand the age of eligibility for students who qualify for parent education programs to any child under the age of eligibility for school attendance. Current law provides that parent education programs (Parents as Teachers) can be provided for infants and toddlers under the age of three.

Background

The bill was introduced by Representative Burroughs. At the hearing before the House Committee on Government Efficiency and Technology, the bill was supported by Representative Burroughs and representatives from the Kansas Association of School Boards, the Kansas National Education Association, and the Kansas City, Kansas School District.

The House Committee on Government Efficiency and Technology amended the bill to prohibit bullying while using school property.

*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 include all provisions of SB 527, as that bill passed the Senate, to expand the age of eligibility for students who qualify for parent education programs to any child under the age of eligibility for school attendance. At the time the Senate Committee of the Whole took action on HB 2758, SB 527 had been referred to the House Committee on Education, and the Committee had not held a hearing on the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget for the introduced version of HB 2758 indicates no fiscal impact from enactment of the bill. There was no fiscal note for the amended version of SB 527.