

SESSION OF 2009

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
SENATE BILL NO. 11**

As Agreed to March 30, 2009

Brief*

SB 11 would allow community colleges to acquire land and improvements not only within the community college district, but also within the service area of the community college. The bill would define service areas as designated geographic areas of the state established by agreement of community college presidents and adopted by the Kansas Board of Regents. Finally, the bill would allow the governing body of a technical college to change the name of the college by adopting a resolution.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee combined Section 1 of Senate Bill 131, regarding name changes of technical colleges, with SB 11, as amended by the House.

Section 2 of SB 131, as amended by the House, establishing an Early High School Graduation Incentive Program is not included in the Conference Committee Report.

Background

Proponents of SB 11 bill included: Linda Fund, Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees; Dave Reist, President, Highland Community College; and Dr. Tom Burke, President, Kansas City, Kansas, Community College. There were no opponents of SB 11. Regarding the original SB 131, a representative of the Wichita

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Area Technical College was the only proponent of the bill. There were no opponents of the original SB 131.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended SB 11 by deleting the requirement that the Kansas Board of Regents establish service area boundaries. In addition, the amendment provided that service areas are designated geographic areas of the state established by agreement of community college presidents and adopted by the Kansas Board of Regents.

The House Committee amendments to SB 11 were technical in nature.

Regarding the original SB 131, the Senate Committee and the Senate Committee of the Whole made technical amendments to the bill.

Finally, the House Committee of the Whole amended SB 131 by adding a provision that would establish an Early High School Graduation Incentive Program.

According to the Division of Budget fiscal note on the introduced version of SB 11, there would be no fiscal effect on the Kansas Board of Regents. If a community college chooses to acquire land or improvements, that acquisition would be financed by the community college. Regarding the introduced version of SB 131, the Division of Budget fiscal note indicated there would be no fiscal effect on the Board of Regents.

The Department of Education provided Conference Committee members with a fiscal estimate for establishment of an Early High School Graduation Incentive Program. The Department indicated that it was difficult to estimate the number of students that might take advantage of such a program, therefore, an estimated cost could range from \$1,980,000 per year if two percent (660 students) of a year's graduates took advantage of the Program to \$3,960,000 if four percent (1,320) of students participated in the Program.

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