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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
SENATE BILL NO. 161

As Agreed to March 31, 2009

Brief*

SB 161 would amend current law to permit recreation commissions to establish petty cash funds. The amount of money in a petty cash fund would not exceed \$1,000 at any one time.

The bill also would limit to 10.0 percent the balance maintained in a school district's contingency reserve fund until school year 2012-2013, when the amount returns to current law, which requires that the amount in a district's contingency reserve fund cannot exceed 6.0 percent of a district's general fund. However, the provisions of SB 161 would not be imposed on any school district whose state financial aid is computed under current law (KSA 72-6445a) related to districts formed by consolidation or disorganization or districts with decreasing enrollments. Any such districts may maintain the excess amount in the contingency fund until the amount in the fund is depleted.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee combined the House version of SB 161, concerning recreation commissions, with provisions of SB 313, related to school districts' contingency reserve funds. The Conference Committee agreed to amend the bill by limiting to 10.0 percent the balance maintained in a school

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Background

Proponents of SB 161, as introduced, included representatives of the Arkansas City and Baldwin City Recreation Commissions. There were no opponents of the bill. The House Committee on Education amended SB 161 by adding a provision that would require that a petty cash fund not exceed \$1,000 at any one time.

SB 313 was introduced by the Committee on Ways and Means at the request of Senator John Vratil.

The Division of Budget fiscal note regarding SB 161 as introduced, indicated the original bill would have no fiscal effect on cities or school districts. The Division of Budget fiscal note on SB 313, as introduced, indicated the passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on state aid to school districts.