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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE  
SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 162**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Education

**Brief\***

SB 162 would require the State Board of Education to designate a period of time each school year as a time for disability history and awareness. The State Board would develop objectives and guidelines for disability history and awareness, for all grade levels, within existing curriculum.

The bill lists a variety of goals of disability history and awareness instruction, including encouraging better treatment of individuals with disabilities.

The bill would require each school district to include disability history and awareness with the district's curriculum, as deemed appropriate by the district.

The bill also encourages postsecondary educational institutions to conduct and promote activities that provide education, understanding and awareness of individuals with disabilities, disability history, and the disability rights movement.

**Background**

Testifying as proponents of the bill were representatives of the Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy and the SKIL Resource Center. A representative of the Kansas National Education Association and the Kansas Association of School Boards opposed the bill.

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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>

The House Committee on Education amended the bill by deleting the requirement that the State Board of Education designate the last two weeks in January of each year as Disability History and Awareness Weeks. The Committee also deleted provisions that would require the State Board to develop a curriculum and materials for use by school districts in implementing a program of instruction on disability history and disability awareness.

The Division of the Budget fiscal note on the original bill indicated that \$3,000 would be needed to implement the bill. The fiscal note indicated this amount would cover the cost of advisory committee meetings necessary in the development of curriculum, guidelines, standards, and objectives for a program of instruction on disability history and awareness. This amount was not included in *The FY 2010 Governor's Budget Report*.