

SESSION OF 2010

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
SENATE BILL NO. 362**

As Agreed to March 30, 2010

Brief*

SB 362 would amend the teacher continuing contract law. School boards would have to notify teachers and administrators of the board's intent not to renew the teacher or administrator's contract by the third Friday in May. Teachers and administrators would then have 14 calendar days from the date of notice to respond to the school board.

The bill would enact clarifying language regarding unilateral contracts.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee changed the dates under which the school board may give notice of the board's intent not to renew a teacher or administrator's contract to the third Friday in May. Teachers and administrators would have 14 calendar days from the date of notice to respond to the school board. The Conference Committee also removed language identifying that the bill would only apply to school years 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

Background

Proponents of the original bill included Senator John Vratil and representatives of the United School Administrators of Kansas, the Kansas Association of School Boards, Schools for Quality Education, USD 345 Seaman, USD 259 Wichita, USD229 Blue Valley, USD 270 Plainville, USD 373 Newton, USD 313 Buhler, and USD 400 Smoky Valley. The General Counsel of the Kansas National Education Association was an opponent of the bill.

The Senate Education Committee amended the bill to change a provision to notify teachers and administrators of contract termination later than May 1 in years in which appropriations were finalized after April 16. The amendment allows a school board to adopt a resolution of contract nonrenewal for teachers and administrators after May 1, but no later than June 1, requiring the teachers and administrators to reject the contract renewal on or before June 15.

The House Education Budget Committee amended the bill by changing a provision to notify teachers and administrators of contract nonrenewal by May 15. Teachers and administrators would be required to notify the district regarding contract renewal by May 30. The Committee also amended the bill by adding a sunset provision following three years (2009-2010 through 2011-2012). Finally, the Committee added the contents of HB 2699 into this bill, which would allow a school district to extend a teacher's contract for two additional years before granting a teacher tenure.

The House Committee of the Whole removed the provision which would have allowed a school district to extend a teacher's contract for two additional years. The Division of the Budget fiscal note indicated there would be no fiscal effect. There was no fiscal note on the amended bill.

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