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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 362

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 362 would amend the continuing teacher contract law for school years 2009-2010 through 2011-2012, to allow a school board to adopt a resolution, under which the school board may give notice of the board's intent to not renew a teacher's contract on or before May 15. A teacher would have until May 30 to notify the board of an intent to not renew the teaching contract. The same would apply to administrators, within the term when the administrator's contract expires. After the three school years noted above, a school board would be required to notify teachers and administrators of contract renewal or non-renewal by May 1. Teachers and administrators would be required to notify the board of an intent to not renew a contract by May 15.

The bill would enact clarifying language regarding unilateral contracts.

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, USD 229 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.

*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 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.