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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 485

As Amended by House Committee on
Education

Brief*

SB 485 would amend the Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institutions Act. Under current law, each institution would have to apply to the State Board of Regents for a certificate of approval, but would not have to have additional approval for a branch campus. The bill would require that institutions notify the State Board of Regents about the existence of the branch campus. The branch campus would be subject to fees and review by the Board to ensure it is in compliance with laws and regulations.

Other provisions of the bill include new definitions of regulated institutions, changes to the application and renewal process for branch campuses, clarifying the types of degrees requiring a certificate of approval, and providing for greater penalties for violations of the Act. The bill also would establish a broad range of fees from \$50 for a student transcription copy fee to \$50,000 for renewal application fees for degree and non-degree granting institutions. The bill would require institutions to adopt, publish, post, and adhere to a procedure for handling student complaints.

Finally, within the limits of appropriations, the Board would develop and maintain a statewide data collection system to collect and analyze private and out-of-state postsecondary educational information.

*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>

Background

The bill was introduced by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee on behalf of the State Board of Regents. The President of the State Board of Regents was a proponent of the bill. There were no opponents.

The Senate Education Committee amended the bill by clarifying language in the bill. The House Education Committee amended the bill by including specialists in the definition of "academic degree."

The Division of the Budget fiscal note for the bill, as introduced, indicated that the Private Postsecondary Division within the Board of Regents office carries out the administrative responsibilities related to the Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institutions Act with costs financed from fees paid by the regulated institutions. According to the fiscal note if the bill is enacted, fees would be set at a level that would cover program costs. The estimated revenue for FY 2010 under current law is \$182,200 and the estimate for FY 2011 under provisions of the bill would be \$390,100, an increase of \$207,600.