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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2601**

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

**Brief\***

HB 2601, as amended, would amend the provision in the school finance law concerning the calculation of the high-density at-risk pupil weighting.

The bill would provide for a linear transition formula to calculate the high-density at-risk pupil weighting for districts having between 35 percent and 50 percent at-risk pupils. For those districts having at-risk pupil percentages between 35 percent and less than 50 percent, the district would multiply the number of at-risk pupils by a factor of .007. For those districts having an at-risk pupil percentage of 50 percent or more, or for districts having an enrollment of at least 35.1 percent at-risk pupils and an enrollment density of at least 212.1 pupils per square mile, the district would multiply the number of at-risk pupils by .105 to determine the high-density at-risk weighting.

The provisions of this bill would take effect in the school year in which the appropriation for general state aid is sufficient to fund base state aid per pupil at \$4,492 or higher, and in each subsequent school year.

**Background**

Representative Clay Aurand was a proponent of the bill. A representative of the Kansas Association of School Boards opposed the bill.

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The Committee amended the bill providing for a linear transition formula to calculate the high-density at-risk pupil weighting for districts having between 35 percent and 50 percent at-risk pupils. For those districts having at-risk pupil percentages between 35 percent and less than 50 percent, the district would multiply the number of at-risk pupils by a factor of .007. For those districts having an at-risk pupil percentage of 50 percent or more, the district would multiply the number of at-risk pupils by .105 to determine the high-density at-risk weighting.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill by adding the following language, "districts having an enrollment of at least 35.1 percent at-risk pupils and an enrollment density of at least 212.1 pupils per square mile."

The Division of the Budget fiscal note indicated the original bill would not change state aid to school districts; however, the original bill would redistribute aid among school districts, depending upon the number of at-risk students.