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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2195

As Amended by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Brief*

HB 2195, as amended, would create the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund (Fund) within the State Treasury.

The bill would require that the Fund be administered by the State Board of Regents (Board) and that all expenditures from the Fund be for instruction and operations to meet target objectives established by the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority.

The bill would require all expenditures from the Fund to be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the Director of Accounts and Reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the executive officer of the Board or the executive officer's designee.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations at the request of Representative Howe on behalf of the Kansas Association of Technical Colleges.

^{*}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 https://klrd.gov/

House Committee on Higher Education Budget

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of Kansas Technical Colleges, who provided historical background on technical college funding and information on enrollment data. The representative highlighted the positive impact previous funding has had on the technical colleges and their ability to create new programs and discussed the impact of deferred maintenance on campus facilities.

No other testimony was provided.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In the Senate Committee, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Technical Colleges. The representative provided similar testimony to what was presented in the House Committee hearing.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative from METL (Manhattan, Emporia, Topeka, and Lawrence Chambers of Commerce).

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to be effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Board states enactment of the bill would have negligible fiscal effect on the operations of the Board. All expenditures from the Fund would be for instructions and operations to meet target objectives established by the Postsecondary Technical Education

Authority for each technical college's region and the entire state.

The Division of the Budget notes that the bill does not establish a revenue source for the new fund.

Education; Postsecondary Education; Technical Colleges; Board of Regents; Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund