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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2672

As Recommended by House Committee on K-
12 Education Budget

Brief*

HB 2672 would replace select terms for individuals with certain exceptionalities.

The bill would replace the following terms used in describing the persons served by state institutions eligible to utilize the State Institutions Building Fund (SIBF):

- “Retarded” would be replaced with “have an intellectual disability”;
- “Visually handicapped” would be replaced with “visually impaired”; and
- “Handicapping hearing loss” would be replaced with “deaf or hard of hearing.”

The bill would also replace the term “mentally retarded” with “persons with an intellectual disability” in provisions regarding the purpose for the State Board of Social Welfare to seek to acquire the property known as the “Winter Veterans Hospital” in Topeka from the federal government.

[*Note:* The Winter Veterans Hospital was transferred to the State in 1959 and is the current location of the Kansas Neurological Institute.]

*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/>

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on K-12 Budget at the request of Representative McDonald.

House Committee on K-12 Budget

In the House Committee hearing on February 12, 2026, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of School Boards. The proponent stated the bill helps to recognize the dignity of students with intellectual disabilities by using appropriate, respectful language.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Education; intellectual disabilities; terminology; State Institutions Building Fund; Kansas Neurological Institute