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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 142

As Recommended by Senate Select Committee
on Education Finance

Brief*

SB 142 would make amendments to the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act (KSEEA) and make appropriations for FY 2020 and FY 2021.

Amendments to the KSEEA

The bill would amend the Base Aid for Student Excellence (BASE) for school years (SY) 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023. The following table shows the BASE under current law and what the BASE would be under the bill.

BASE AID FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE (SY 2019-2020 through SY 2022-2023)			
School Year	Current Law		SB 142
2019-2020	\$	4,302	\$ 4,436
2020-2021		4,439	4,569
2021-2022		4,576	4,706
2022-2023		4,713	4,846

The bill would make no other amendments to the KSEEA.

*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>

Appropriations

The bill would appropriate \$104.5 million, all from the State General Fund (SGF), for FY 2020 to the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). This includes \$92.7 million for State Foundation Aid; \$10.3 million for Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) employer contributions for school districts; and \$1.6 million for KPERs employer contributions for community colleges, technical colleges, and interlocals.

The bill would also appropriate \$114.2 million, all from the SGF, for FY 2021 to KSDE. This includes \$89.7 million for State Foundation Aid; \$21.2 million for KPERs employer contributions for school districts; and \$3.3 million for KPERs employer contributions for community colleges, technical colleges, and interlocals.

Effective Date

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

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Select Committee on Federal Tax Code Implementation. At the Senate Select Committee hearing, proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of School Boards. The representative stated the bill would bring the public school funding back to an adequate level. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of Game On for Kansas Schools, the Kansas PTA, the MainStream Coalition, and One United Voice.

Neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas National Education Association. The representative stated he was unsure if the bill would bring the

State into compliance with the Kansas Supreme Court's ruling in *Gannon VI*.

Opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Policy Institute. The representative stated the bill would not provide the Legislature with control over how additional public school funding would be spent. Written-only opponent testimony was provided by a representative of Schools for Fair Funding.

No fiscal note was available at the time the Senate Select Committee took action on the bill.