

SESSION OF 2019

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 71

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

SB 71 would reauthorize the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) by repealing the statute specifying a sunset date of June 30, 2019. The bill would also require the TEA to make an annual report to the Legislature on the performance of its functions and duties.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Education at the request of the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR). In the Senate Committee hearing, a representative of KBOR provided proponent testimony, noting the TEA was established in 2007 and last renewed by the Legislature in 2017. The representative stated the removal of the sunset date of the TEA would allow the TEA to continue to perform the tasks statutorily defined, as well as new efforts currently underway, such as assisting former members of the military with obtaining college credit. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of Salina Tech.

No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill would require annual State

*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>

General Fund appropriations for the TEA to continue beyond FY 2020. Appropriations of \$19,575 and \$19,871 for FY 2019 and FY 2020, respectively, are currently recommended by the Governor and included in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.