

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 195

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 195 would authorize the Children's Cabinet (Cabinet) to create a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation for the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The Board of Directors of the nonprofit would consist of the members of the Cabinet, the Executive Director of the Cabinet, and other directors designated by the Cabinet.

The purpose of the nonprofit would be to receive gifts, donations, grants, and other moneys and to engage in fundraising projects for the benefit of the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Book Gifting Program (Imagination Library). The bill would state the Imagination Library would develop, implement, promote, and sustain reading by the children of Kansas.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means at the request of Senator Claeys.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Cabinet and Oral Health Kansas. Proponents generally stated the bill would allow the Cabinet to combine local fundraising efforts into a

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statewide effort to grow the program. Additionally, proponents stated the program provides books to children who may not otherwise have access to them.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Dollywood Foundation.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas State Department of Education and the Department of Revenue indicate the bill would have no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect from enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

non-profit; children's cabinet; reading; Dolly Parton