

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 295

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 295 would authorize the continuation of the 20 mill statewide property tax mill levy for schools.

The bill would amend KSA 72-5142 (school district state aid, *ad valorem* tax) to include the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years and would continue the 20 mill statewide property tax for schools for those school years in order to finance the portion of the school district's general fund budget not otherwise funded by law.

Background

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

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In the Senate Committee hearing on March 15, 2023, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas National Education Association, who stated the public school system depends on the renewal of the 20 mills.

Written-only **opponent** testimony was provided by a representative of Americans for Prosperity, who stated opposition to property tax increases.

*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>

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, revenues from the 20 mill property tax, including authorized exemptions, that would assist financing State Foundation Aid payments in the school finance formula are estimated to be \$799.1 million in FY 2023, \$811.5 million in FY 2024, and \$812.3 million in FY 2025, as estimated during the fall 2022 Education Consensus Estimating process. The fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill has been reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

20 mills; school finance; property tax