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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2004

As Recommended by House Committee on Education

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2004 would change the school finance law to redefine non-resident pupil. The bill would define a non-resident pupil as a student or member of the student's family who lives 2.5 or more miles from the attendance center the student would attend in the district in which the student resides. Current law defines a non-resident pupil as a student or member of the student's family who lives ten miles or more from the resident attendance center. In addition, the bill would clarify that provisions of the bill would not apply to school districts located in Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee, or Wyandotte counties.

Background

The original bill which would have eliminated all mileage limitations regarding non-resident pupils desiring to attend an attendance center other than the district in which the pupil resides was introduced by Representative Richard Carlson. Concerned citizens were proponents of the original bill. Representatives of the Kansas Association of School Boards and Cherokee School District, USD 247, were opponents of the original bill.

The House Education Committee amended the bill defining a non-resident pupil as a student or member of the student's family who lives 2.5 or more miles from the

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attendance center the student would attend in the district in which the student resides. In addition, the House Education Committee amended the bill clarifying that provisions of the bill would not apply to school districts located in Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee, or Wyandotte counties. The Committee recommended that a substitute bill be adopted containing these amendments.

The Division of the Budget fiscal note indicated the original bill would have no fiscal effect on transportation state aid; non-resident students do not receive state funding for transportation.