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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2017

As Amended by House Committee on Education

Brief*

HB 2017 would make changes to the school finance formula related to at-risk students. If a student submits an application for free meals under the National School Lunch Act, and it is later determined that the student should not have been eligible, the school district or the Department of Education would notify the State Board of Education. After the notification, the Board would recompute the general fund budget of the school district based upon the adjusted enrollment, excluding the at-risk student. The amount of state aid to the affected district would be adjusted accordingly.

In addition, if a student became ineligible to receive free meals under the National School Lunch Act for failure to submit, in a timely manner, documentation necessary for verification of eligibility, the district would have until January 14 of the school year to submit the student's required documentation and avoid exclusion from the district's at-risk student count.

The bill would not become effective until school year 2012-2013.

Background

This bill was recommended by the 2010 Special Committee on Education.

*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>

The House Committee on Education amended the bill by delaying its effects until the 2012-2013 school year.

The Division of the Budget fiscal note estimated a savings of \$3,293,050 in state aid for the bill as originally written.