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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2371

As Recommended by House Committee on
General Government Budget

Brief*

HB 2371 would eliminate the Kansas Investment in Developing Scholars Matching Grant Program, which requires the state to provide up to \$600 annually to each qualifying participant who invests at least \$100 toward a beneficiary's college education through the Learning Quest 529 Education Savings Program. Under current law, to qualify for the matching program, a participant must have a federal adjusted gross income below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Total annual transfers from the State General Fund to the Kansas Postsecondary Education Savings Program Trust Fund to provide the matching funds are capped at \$720,000, for no more than 1,200 participants.

Background

A representative of the Office of the State Treasurer provided neutral testimony on the bill. Representatives of Kansas Action for Children, the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare, and the United Way of Kansas City testified in opposition to the bill. Written testimony in opposition to the bill was submitted by United Community Services of Johnson County.

The fiscal note from the Division of the Budget on the bill indicates the Governor's budget recommendations include expenditures of \$655,000 for the matching grant program for FY 2014. The budget includes a transfer of only \$350,000

*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>

from the State General Fund to the Kansas Postsecondary Education Savings Program Trust Fund. The House Appropriations Committee, in reviewing the budget of the Office of the State Treasurer, deleted both the recommended expenditures for the program and deleted the State General Fund transfer for the program for FY 2014 and FY 2015.