

SESSION OF 2013

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2391**

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

Senate Sub. for HB 2391, as amended, would prohibit any school district, the Kansas Department of Education, and the State Board of Education (State Board) from spending any money to “institute” the Common Core standards, the Next Generation Science Standards, or any other uniform educational standards for grades kindergarten through 12 (K-12) if those standards were not adopted by the State Board prior to the first day of the 2013 Legislative Session. The prohibition would extend to expenditure of moneys for any portion of the standards, including any affiliated assessments; however, the bill states the prohibition would not impinge upon a school district’s authority to determine its own curriculum. These provisions would expire on April 15, 2014. (Common Core standards for mathematics and English language arts were adopted prior to the first day of the 2013 Legislative Session.)

The bill would define “uniform educational standards” as a set of educational standards for grades K-12 established by a consortium of governmental entities or by one or more other organizations, uniformly adopted by two or more states.

In addition, the bill would create the Joint Committee on Uniform Educational Standards Oversight (Joint Committee). The Joint Committee would consist of 11 members of the Legislature, appointed as follows:

*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>

- Two members of the House Committee on Education appointed by the Speaker;
- One member of the House Committee on Education appointed by the House Minority Leaders;
- Two members of the Senate Committee on Education appointed by the Senate President;
- One member of the Senate Committee on Education appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- One member of the House Committee on Appropriations appointed by that Committee's Chairperson;
- One member of the Senate Ways and Means Committee appointed by that Committee's Chairperson;
- One member of the House Committee on Appropriations appointed by the ranking minority member of that Committee;
- One member of the Senate Ways and Means Committee appointed by the ranking minority member of that Committee; and
- One member of the House appointed by the House Majority Leader.

The bill would require the first meeting of the Joint Committee to be held before August 1, 2013. The Speaker of the House would appoint the Joint Committee's Chairperson, and the Senate President would appoint the Vice-chairperson. Members would be paid compensation, travel expenses, and subsistence expenses as provided by current law.

The Joint Committee would:

- Review Common Core standards, Next Generation Science Standards, or any other uniform educational standards for grades K – 12;
- Review any assessment affiliated with the standards;
- Study the implementation of any standards for school year 2013-2014; and
- Determine whether the standards conform to Kansas educational values which provide for intellectual, educational, vocational, and scientific improvement.

The Joint Committee would be required to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor by January 10, 2014, and January 9, 2015. The bill would require the report contain:

- Recommendations as to the continued implementation of uniform educational standards adopted by the State Board prior to the first day of the 2013 Legislative Session;
- Recommendations for legislation for consideration during the 2014 Legislative Session; and
- An estimate of the fiscal effects of each Joint Committee recommendation.

In addition, the bill would authorize the Joint Committee to introduce legislation. Authorization for the Joint Committee would expire on June 30, 2015.

Finally, the bill would make clarifying amendments to change terminology from “curriculum standards” to “educational standards” in KSA 2012 Supp. 72-6439.

Background

The provisions of the original HB 2391 would allow a local school board that has levied an *ad valorem* tax for ancillary school facilities for two years to continue to levy the tax for up to six years. Those provisions were included in SB 23, which has been enacted.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee removed the contents of HB 2391, inserted the sections described above, and recommended a substitute bill. At a hearing on the bill, the Chairperson of the State Board of Education provided testimony opposing the bill. Representatives Hedke provided written testimony in support of the bill.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill by defining the term “uniform educational standards,” and made a technical amendment.

There was no fiscal note available for the substitute bill.