

SESSION OF 2012

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2718**

As Amended by House Committee on Education

**Brief\***

HB 2718 would allow local boards of education to adopt a local activities budget (LAB) which could not exceed three percent of the statewide average amount per pupil. This term - statewide average amount per pupil - would be defined as the average amount per pupil of the combined general fund budget and the local option budget of all school districts, as adopted by the State Board of Education.

In cases where the sum of a district's average amount per pupil and the LAB would be greater than the statewide average per pupil, then the LAB for the district would be the difference between the statewide average amount per pupil and the district average amount per pupil.

Implementing a LAB would require approval by a majority of the qualified electors of a school district, and the spending authority would expire after five years. Expenditures from the local activities fund could be used for programs and activities not required by state law.

Finally, any balance in the local activities fund at the end of a fiscal year would be required to be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

**Background**

Proponents of the bill include Representative Sheryl Spalding and the Superintendent of the Blue Valley School

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\*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>

District, USD 229. Opponents were representatives of the Kansas Association of School Boards; Kansas City, Kansas, Public Schools; Wichita School District; and the Topeka School District.

The House Education Committee made a technical amendment to the bill.

According to the Division of the Budget fiscal note, enactment of the bill would not change state aid to school districts. The fiscal note states that any additional expenditures would be borne by school districts that get approval from the qualified electors of the district.