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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2749**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2749 would exempt a school bus from requirements of law and rules and regulations regarding design, lighting equipment, distinctive markings, special warning devices, and other equipment that become effective after its date of manufacture. Current law exempts a bus from such requirements for 25 years after manufacture.

**Background**

A representative of the Kansas Association of School Boards testified in support of the bill, stating the bill would remove an arbitrary date for school bus replacement and allow local districts to decide when to replace buses. Written testimony opposing the bill was submitted by a representative of the Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association, who stated the bill would delay safety features that protect students and listed safety equipment that would not be present on some buses.

Department of Education Kansas Administrative Regulation 91-38-5 requires each school bus to be inspected by a mechanic and the Kansas Highway Patrol between June 1 and September 30 each year. No school bus, activity bus, or school passenger vehicle can be used to transport students until the vehicle has been inspected and is in proper working order.

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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>

According to the fiscal note, the bill would have no fiscal effect on state aid payments and would allow local boards of education to postpone purchases of buses.