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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 155**

As Amended by House Committee on Education

**Brief\***

SB 155 would allocate the assessed valuation of the former Kansas Army Ammunitions Plant property to the first consolidated unified school district, if the boards of education of two or more school districts form one consolidated unified school district and the State Board of Education approves the consolidation before July 1, 2016. The bill would require the consolidated unified school district be contiguous to the Kansas Army Ammunitions Plant property. (The school districts involved in this include USDs 503, 504, 505, and 506 in Labette County.)

**Background**

The bill was introduced because the United States Army transferred a large portion of the former Kansas Army Ammunitions Plan to the Great Plains Development Authority. The Great Plains Development Authority is working to return the land to productive use.

Three private citizens from Labette County testified in support of the bill in the Senate. Representative Richard Proehl provided written testimony in support of the bill before the Senate Education Committee. In the House Education Committee hearing, members of the USD 503 (Parsons) and 505 (Chetopa) school boards testified in support of the bill. Representative Richard Proehl also presented written testimony in support of the bill in the House Education

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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>

Committee hearing. Opponents included representatives of the USD 506 (Labette County) school district and the USD 307 (Ell-Saline) school district.

The House Education Committee amended the bill by removing the provision that would have provided for proportional allocation of valuation among the four affected school districts and replaced it with a provision that would allocate the assessed valuation of the former Kansas Army Ammunitions Plant property to the first consolidated unified school district, if the boards of education of two or more school districts form one consolidated unified school district and the State Board of Education approves the consolidation before July 1, 2016.

The fiscal note on the original bill prepared by the Division of the Budget indicated the change in law would not require additional appropriations for state aid to school districts.