

SESSION OF 2013

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 111

As Amended by House Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 111, as amended, would designate the first Wednesday of February 2014 and the first Wednesday of February each year thereafter as “Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol.”

The bill also would change the title of “American Indian Day” to “Native American Day,” which would continue to be recognized on the fourth Saturday of September.

Finally, the bill would add children “in the custody of a federally recognized Indian tribe in this state” to the list of individuals awarded a high school diploma upon the completion of existing requirements.

Background

The original bill, establishing “Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol,” was introduced by Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, who testified in support of the bill. Also speaking in favor of the bill was Representative Ponka-We Victors and representatives from the Tribal Council of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas.

The Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs amended the bill by changing “American Indian Day” to “Native American Day.”

*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>

The House Committee on Federal and State Affairs amended the bill by adding the contents of HB 2373, a bill on the awarding of high school diplomas.

At the House Committee hearing on HB 2373, proponent testimony was provided by Representative Ponka-We Victors, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, and the Topeka Public Schools. All three proponents indicated passage of HB 2373 would correct an oversight in 2011 House Sub. for SB 23 that failed to include children in the custody of a federally recognized Indian tribe in Kansas in law directing the awarding of high school diplomas.

There was no opposition or neutral testimony to HB 2373.

The fiscal note as prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original SB 111 indicated passage of the bill would have no fiscal impact.