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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2420

As Amended by Senate Committee on Local
Government

Brief*

HB 2420 would allow the governing body of any township in Johnson County to appoint and equip volunteers and designated employees as school crossing guards. Under current law, only school districts, nonpublic schools, cities, and counties are authorized to provide school crossing guard services. In addition, the bill would authorize all the named types of jurisdictions to provide training to employees as school crossing guards. Current law authorizes such training only for volunteers.

The bill also would allow the authorized types of jurisdictions to contract with private providers for school crossing guard services.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

Speaker of the House Merrick and a Johnson County Commissioner testified in support of the bill at the hearing before the House Committee on Local Government, and they offered an amendment to allow authorized types of jurisdictions to contract for school crossing guard services. Speaker Merrick again testified at the hearing before the Senate Committee on Local Government; no opposing or neutral testimony was received.

*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 bill as introduced addresses a unique issue for one school located in an unincorporated part of Johnson County that received crossing guard services from a township until learning state law did not authorize a township to provide such services. In Johnson County, cities provide crossing guard service.

The House Committee on Local Government amended the bill to allow authorized jurisdictions to contract for school crossing guard services.

The Senate Committee on Local Government amendment is technical in nature.

The fiscal note submitted by the Division of the Budget on the introduced version of the bill indicated the bill would have no fiscal effect.