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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 330**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 330 would amend statutes related to professional malpractice liability screening panels to allow any judge of a district court to convene such a panel. Under current law, in a district court with more than one division, only the chief judge is given the authority to convene such a panel.

**Background**

SB 330 was introduced by the Senate Judiciary Committee at the request of the Kansas Judicial Branch. In the Senate Judiciary Committee, Chief Judge Nancy Parrish of the Third Judicial District spoke in support of the bill, explaining it would allow chief judges to delegate responsibility for malpractice liability screening panels. The Committee recommended the bill be passed.

The fiscal note on the bill indicates it would have no fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch.

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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>