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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2278

As Recommended by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Brief*

Senate Sub. for HB 2278 would exempt State- or municipal-owned medical care facilities and adult care homes, community mental health centers (CMHCs), indigent health care clinics, and any buildings associated with the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) from the requirement that carrying concealed handguns cannot be prohibited unless adequate security measures are in place. Under current law, these facilities are exempt until July 1, 2017, if notification was filed with the Office of the Attorney General.

Background

As introduced by the House Committee on Local Government, HB 2278 would have deannexed all City of Valley Center territory within the Hillside Cemetery District, located in Sedgwick and Harvey counties, from the cemetery district, effective December 31, 2017. The Senate Committee on Ways and Means removed the contents of HB 2278, inserted the contents of SB 325, and recommended a substitute bill.

^{*}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

SB 325 was referred to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. In the Senate Committee hearing, proponent testimony was provided by representatives from the University of Kansas Health System; Association of CMHC's of Kansas, Inc.; Kansas Hospital Association; Kansas Interfaith Action; and LeadingAge Kansas. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives from the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police; University of Kansas Hospital; and a second representative of the University of Kansas Health System.

Neutral testimony was provided by representatives from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a representative of Johnson County Community College.

Opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas State Rifle Association. Written-only opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the National Rifle Association and former Senator Knox.

According to the fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on SB 325, as introduced, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect because it would allow facilities to continue to operate without adding security measures. KDADS indicated if the bill was not enacted, additional expenditures of \$11,250,000, all from the State General Fund, would be required for additional security. Of this amount, \$450,000 would be one-time costs of additional metal detectors and \$10,800,000 would be for ongoing costs for salaries and wages of 180.0 FTE Security Officer positions (2.0 FTE positions for three shifts for 30 locations at all state hospitals). The \$450,000 would be needed for FY 2017 while ongoing costs would be for FY 2018 and beyond. No cost estimates were provided in the fiscal note by the KUMC to implement additional security measures.

[Staff note: The updated cost estimate by the Division of the Budget for the state hospitals includes \$810,000, all from the State General Fund, for one-time costs for equipment and \$11.7 million, all from the State General Fund, starting in FY 2018 and continuing each year for salaries and wages of 180.0 FTE positions for armed personnel at the four state hospitals.]