

SESSION OF 2018

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 369

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 369 would require members of the Kansas Highway Patrol (Patrol) appointed to the rank of major to be returned to a rank not lower than that held at the time of appointment when the appointment is terminated.

Current law requires only a member of the Patrol appointed to the rank of superintendent or assistant superintendent be returned to a rank not lower than that held at the time of appointment when the appointment is terminated.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Utilities. The bill is identical to 2017 SB 84, which was passed by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs during the 2017 Legislative Session and was stricken from the Senate Calendar on January 11, 2018.

In the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs hearing, the Superintendent of the Patrol appeared in support of the bill and stated the change would allow those appointed to the rank of major to be afforded the same deference currently allowed for superintendents and assistant superintendents and allow those appointed to the rank of major to remain classified employees.

*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>

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Patrol indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.