

SESSION OF 2015

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2042**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Public Health and Welfare

**Brief\***

Senate Sub. for HB 2042 would change the composition of the Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council (Council) and would change the meeting days and membership makeup of the Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight (Joint Committee).

**Council.** The bill would increase the membership of the Council from 33 to 34 by adding the Governor's Tribal Liaison. The bill also would remove from the Council's membership the Commissioner of the Juvenile Justice Authority, abolished in 2013, and insert the Deputy Secretary of Juvenile Services of the Department of Corrections or the Deputy Secretary's designee.

**Joint Committee.** The bill would change the number of meeting days by specifying the meetings in the third and fourth calendar quarters would be for two consecutive days in each quarter.

The bill would remove the following membership appointments to the Joint Committee:

- One member of the House Committee on Appropriations appointed by the Chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations;
- One member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means appointed by the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

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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>

- One member of the House Committee on Appropriations appointed by the Ranking Minority Member of the House Committee on Appropriations;
- One member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means appointed by the Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means; and
- One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.

The bill would replace the membership appointments removed with the following appointed members to the Joint Committee:

- Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and
- Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate.

The Joint Committee membership would remain at 11 members.

### **Background**

The Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare added the contents of SB 121, as amended by the Senate Committee of the Whole, to HB 2042 and created a substitute bill.

**HB 2042.** In the House Committee on Health and Human Services, representatives of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas,

Inc. testified as proponents of the bill. The proponents stated the Governor's Tribal Liaison must be added to the Council for the state to comply with a federal requirement to consult and engage with tribal officials in the development of federal policies that have tribal implications. No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

In the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare, a representative of KDADS testified in support of the bill. No other testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, in consultation with KDADS, any additional expenditures could be covered within current resources. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

**SB 121.** The bill was introduced by Senator Pilcher-Cook. In the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare, Senator Pilcher-Cook stated increasing the third and fourth calendar quarter meetings to two consecutive days each would allow more people the opportunity to testify before the Joint Committee. She also noted the change in Joint Committee membership makeup would more closely reflect the majority and minority membership in each chamber. There was no opponent or neutral testimony.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to change the makeup of the Joint Committee relating to the appointments by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

The Senate Committee of the Whole made a technical amendment to the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates the bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal impact. The bill would change the membership appointment process, but not the number of members on the Joint Committee.