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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 242

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 242 would add all employees of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs Office to the definition of "safety sensitive positions" found in current law. The Director of the Division of Personnel Services of the Department of Administration has the authority to establish and implement drug screening programs for safety sensitive positions.

Current law defines "safety sensitive positions" to include:

- All state law enforcement officers authorized to carry firearms;
- All state corrections officers;
- All state parole officers;
- Heads of state agencies who are appointed by the Governor and employees on the Governor's staff;
- All employees with access to secure facilities of a correctional institution;
- All employees of a juvenile correctional facility; and
- All employees with access to a secured biological laboratory in the Office of Laboratory Services of the Department of Health and Environment.

*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>

Background

At the hearing in the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs, a representative for the Department of Administration and the director of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs Office appeared in support of the bill. There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

The Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs adopted technical amendments to the bill to reflect the most current version of the statute because the bill was introduced during the 2015 Legislative Session.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget in 2015, the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs Office estimates passage of the bill would require an average of 140 drug tests per fiscal year, costing \$45 per test. The agency estimates this would increase expenditures by \$6,300, with \$270 coming from the State General Fund, in both FY 2016 and FY 2017. This cost would vary depending on employee turnover. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.