

SESSION OF 2016

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 445

As Amended by Senate Committee on Public
Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 445, as amended, would clarify existing law regarding the Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation (CARE) program operated under the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) to reflect the appropriate agency name and the current operation of the program. The bill would clarify references to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment; remove language requiring the Health Care Data Governing Board to adopt the CARE data entry form; and make technical amendments.

Background

At the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare hearing, a KDADS representative testified in favor of the bill. The conferee stated the bill would clarify language in statute to correct the names of State agencies responsible for the CARE program and reflect current operations in which the CARE Level I assessments are conducted by the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). The representative stated these assessments have been performed for the last three years by the ADRCs through contracts with KDADS.

Neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disability. The representative stated it was premature to remove the responsibility of assisting individuals with the CARE process from the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to

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the newly recognized ADRCs because, to her knowledge, there are no legal entities in the state using the ADRC name. The representative stated the AAAs are the ADRC contractor with KDADS. The conferee also stated ADRCs are a new label with a limited revenue stream, and the ADRCs may or may not continue into the future, making the statutory change premature.

No opponent testimony was provided at the Senate Committee hearing.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to strike language proposed by the original bill to change references from the AAAs to the ADRCs and to return to the existing AAA statutory references.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal effect for KDADS.