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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 6

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 6 would allow the Legislative Division of Post Audit (LPA) to require fingerprinting and background checks for contractors and other persons who work under the direction of the Post Auditor, including temporary workers. Current law allows the Post Auditor to require fingerprinting and background checks only for employees of LPA. The bill also would authorize local law enforcement officers and agencies to charge a fee to reimburse expenses caused by taking and processing fingerprints.

Background

At the hearing in the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee, the Legislative Post Auditor appeared in support of the bill. He testified that the ability to fingerprint and conduct background checks on all persons with access to the LPA's information systems, not just employees of LPA, is necessary because of the confidential nature of the information collected by LPA.

A representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Sheriffs' Association, and the Kansas Peace Officers Association presented neutral testimony. He stated that the organizations he represented were neutral on the core idea of the bill, but proposed an amendment to allow local law enforcement agencies to collect a small fee to cover costs associated with fingerprinting.

*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>

The Senate Committee amended the bill by adding language specifying that local law enforcement agencies could collect a fee to cover expenses associated with taking and processing fingerprints.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicated any additional costs related to criminal background checks and fingerprinting costs would be borne by the existing budget of LPA and are not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.