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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
From: Scott Abbott, Assistant Revisor
Date: March 16, 2016
Re: Senate Bill 460

Senate Bill 460 changes the Kansas civil service act classification for superintendents, physicians, staff, other personnel and employees appointed to serve at Osawatomie state hospital, Larned state hospital, Parsons state hospital and training center and Kansas neurological institute. After July 1, 2016, any superintendent, physician, staff, other personnel or employee appointed by an entity under contract with the secretary for aging and disability services would not receive a classification of service. The bill would not affect the classification of any superintendent, physician, staff, other personnel or employee at these institutions currently in the classified service.

Section 2 of the bill changes the appointing authority for superintendents at these institutions from the commissioner of community services and programs to the secretary.

Section 3 changes the appointing authority for physicians at these institutions from the director to the secretary, the director or the director's designee.

Section 4 changes the appointing authority for staff and other personnel from the director to the secretary, the director or the director's designee. Currently, staff and other personnel appointed to an institution are in the classified service; under the provisions of the bill, any staff or other personnel appointed after July 1, 2016, would be in the unclassified service.

Section 5 changes the required appointment of employees at these institutions by the superintendent of the institution to a permissive appointment. Currently, a non-physician employee appointed to an institution is in the classified service; under the provisions of the bill, any such employee appointed after July 1, 2016, would be in the unclassified service.

If enacted, the bill would take effect upon publication in the statute book, July 1, 2016.