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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 432**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 432 would require a person applying for employment as a law enforcement officer to disclose any arrests, convictions, or diversions, and would allow the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Commission to obtain expunged records for the purpose of aiding in the determination of eligibility for a law enforcement officer applicant. Finally, SB 432 would require that when any law enforcement officer leaves his or her position, the responsible agency would make a report explaining the circumstances for the termination or resignation. This report would be made available to the terminated officer and any law enforcement agency to which the officer applies for a position.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to allow access to the termination report by the terminated officer.

The House Committee amended the bill to provide the following:

- ! Define the purpose of the Central Registry that contains information of all Kansas police officers or law enforcement officers. The purpose of the Registry is to be a resource for all agencies who appoint or elect police or law enforcement officers to use when reviewing employment applications of such officers. The Registry shall be made available only to those agencies who appoint or elect police or law enforcement officers.
- ! Allow for an exception to the qualification requirements of law enforcement officers regarding a citizen of the United Kingdom with prior law enforcement experience and who reside in Finney County. This measure would expire on July 1, 2007
- ! Include law enforcement officers who are not required to be certified by the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Commission

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such as corrections and parole officers of the Department of Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

- ! Allow a terminated officer to have access, upon written request, to the termination report in the Registry file. A termination report will be adopted.
- ! Provide for immunity, for an agency head who responds to a request for information about a current or former officer, from civil liability.

### **Background**

The original bill was supported by the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, and the Salina Police Chief. Proponents said the bill would help prevent the hiring of "bad cops" who had been terminated by other law enforcement agencies.