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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 452

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Public Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 452, as amended by Senate Committee, amends one of the statutes in the Licensure of Psychologists Act of the State of Kansas, an act under which persons who have a doctoral degree in psychology are licensed and regulated. The statute that is amended sets out those persons who are not unlawfully practicing psychology without a license and, in subsection (e), currently exempts from being licensed those persons who are employed by a person, association, partnership, or corporation for remuneration if such persons work under the supervision of a licensed psychologist or psychologists and if they are not held out to the public as licensed psychologists. The original bill would have deleted subsection (e) from the statute. As amended, the section authorizes persons licensed under the Licensure of Psychologists Act to be employed by another person, association, partnership, or corporation without being in violation of the licensing act. A new subsection (k) added by the Senate Committee amendments protects unlicensed persons who were engaged in providing psychological services under the provisions of subsection (e) from being in violation of the act if they continue to be employed in accordance with the provisions of the subsection as it existed prior to its amendment.

Background

SB 452 was introduced at the request of the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board whose representative also spoke in support of the bill during a committee hearing. No one appeared to oppose the bill.

No fiscal note was available for the bill at the time of committee action.

*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>