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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2393**

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

**Brief\***

HB 2393, as amended by the House Select Committee on Kansas Security, would create a standing Joint Committee on Kansas Security consisting of ten members, with five from the Senate and five from the House appointed by Legislative leadership.

The House Select Committee on Kansas Security amended the bill to allow the newly established Joint Committee on Kansas Security to meet anywhere in the State of Kansas, without the prior consent of the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC). Additionally, a provision was added to direct the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to conduct criminal history checks and background investigations of all committee members and staff members. Lastly, the bill grants the newly created Joint Committee the authority to review and monitor federal monies related to homeland security received by the State of Kansas.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to remove background checks of Committee members appointed to the Joint Committee on Kansas Security by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI).

**Background**

The bill was supported by Senator Jay Scott Emler (the co-chairman of the 2003 Interim Joint Committee on Kansas Security) and Representative Jim Morrison. A bill creating a similar Joint Committee was first introduced during the 2002 Legislature, but was never passed out of Committee.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to direct the

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KBI to conduct background checks on staff appointed to the Joint Committee on Kansas Security, not the elected members appointed by the Legislative Leadership.