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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 115

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Public Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 115 concerns the investigation of reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of certain adults. Current law requires that an investigation and evaluation be completed within 30 working days of receiving a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. SB 115 proposes to extend the investigation and evaluation time period to 90 working days if conducting the investigation within 30 working days would interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation. If a finding is made prior to the conclusion of a criminal investigation, the bill proposes to allow an investigation and evaluation to be reopened, and a new finding made, based on any additional evidence provided as a result of the criminal investigation.

Background

SB 115 was requested by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. As stated by the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services, SB 115 proposes to amend one of the statutes in the act under which adult abuse and neglect is investigated and protective services are provided. The bill would provide a more reasonable time frame for the agency to complete its investigations. It also would ensure that agency investigations do not interfere with a criminal investigation. Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by the Advocacy Coordinator for AARP Kansas.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates that passage of SB 115 would have no fiscal effect.

*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>