

SESSION OF 2006

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 426**

As Recommended by Senate Committee  
on Public Health and Welfare

**Brief\***

SB 426, if enacted, would amend a statute that authorizes minors age 17 or older to donate blood voluntarily without parental consent as long as the donor receives no compensation for the blood donation. The amendments lower the age for voluntary donation of blood to age 16 or older.

**Background**

SB 426 was introduced at the urging of students who had participated in setting up a blood drive at their high school and discovered that many students who wished to be blood donors were prevented from participation in the blood drive due to their age. Two teens who had been involved in a blood drive at their school testified in support of the bill as did two persons associated with blood banks and a representative of the American Red Cross. No one appeared in opposition to the bill.

The Senate Committee reconsidered its earlier action that would have further amended SB 426, making the earlier supplemental note void.

The fiscal note on the bill indicates it would create no additional cost for the Board of Healing Arts.

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\*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>