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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON 2010 HOUSE
SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 43**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Aging and Long Term Care

Brief*

House Sub. for SB 43 would amend the continuing education requirements for baccalaureate, master and specialist clinical social workers. On and after January 1, 2011, applicants for first-time licensure renewal would be required to have completed, as part of their continuing education requirements, not less than six hours of social worker safety awareness training. If the applicant has taken the training as part of a previous level of social worker licensure renewal, the applicant would not be required to complete an additional six hours of social worker safety awareness training.

Background

During the 2009 Legislative Session, the Aging and Long Term Care Committee held a hearing on SB 31, a bill concerning social worker safety training. The Committee did not take action on SB 31 but did recommend House Sub. for SB 31 which deleted the language concerning social worker safety training and inserted language concerning the authority of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (2009 HB 2242, as modified by the Committee). The substitute bill was introduced, placed on General Orders and subsequently stricken from the Calendar.

During the 2009 Session, the Committee also recommended House Sub. for SB 43, a bill concerning the mistreatment of dependent adults. The substitute bill was introduced and placed on General Orders. However, the

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Committee Report was not adopted by the House Committee of the Whole and the substitute bill was returned to the Aging and Long Term Care Committee.

As part of its deliberations in the 2010 Legislative Session, the Committee held an informational briefing on the issue of social worker safety training. The Committee subsequently took action to delete the language of SB 43 and to insert, with some modifications, the provisions of the original 2009 SB 31 dealing with social worker safety training. The Committee recommended 2010 House Sub. for SB 43. (NOTE: The House Health and Human Services Committee took action on 2010 HB 2118, which contained language similar to the original 2009 SB 31. The Committee deleted the language of SB 25, a bill concerning a statewide prohibition on smoking, and inserted, with some modifications, the provisions of HB 2118. The Committee recommended House Sub. for SB 25.)

The original version of SB 31 was introduced by the Public Health and Welfare Committee at the request of the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Proponents of the bill included the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, a representative of the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and a private citizen.

There were no opponents of the bill.

The House Committee on Aging and Long Term Care amended SB 31 by changing the effective date of the continuing education safety training requirement from January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2011. The Committee also modified the description of the training to read "safety awareness training" and removed the requirement that the training include self-protection maneuvers.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states that the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board estimated passage of the bill would generate approximately \$2,650 in additional administrative costs.