

SESSION OF 2026

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 356**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

SB 356 would grant immunity from civil liability to any federal firearms licensee in Kansas who enters into a firearm hold agreement and returns the firearm to the firearm owner at the termination of the agreement.

The bill specifies that the immunity granted would not apply to any action arising from a firearm hold agreement if such action was the result of otherwise unlawful conduct on the part of the federal firearms licensee.

The bill would define:

- “Federal firearms licensee” and “firearm” as defined in federal law; and
- “Firearm hold agreement” to mean a private transaction between a federal firearms licensee and an individual firearm owner in which the licensee takes physical possession of the owner’s lawfully possessed firearm at the owner’s request, holds the firearm for an agreed period of time, and returns the firearm to the owner according to the terms of the transaction.

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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 <https://klrd.gov/>

## **Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Senator Starnes.

### ***Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs***

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Senator Starnes, representatives of Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, Johnson County Mental Health Center, Kansas Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Team, Kansas Mental Health Coalition, and Penguin Pawn and Gun. The proponents generally stated that the bill would be a voluntary tool to support firearm storage programs and suicide prevention efforts.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of The Armory Project, the Johnson County Mental Health Center Advisory Board, and the National Rifle Association, and four private citizens.

Written-only **neutral** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association.

No other testimony was provided.

## **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of the Attorney General states that the bill would have no fiscal effect. The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that the bill would have a negligible effect on expenditures and would be absorbed within the agency's existing resources. Any effect on agency revenues and State General Fund revenues would be negligible and cannot be estimated.

Firearm; immunity; liability