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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 212

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 212 would amend language concerning the public availability of information concerning tax abatement records. Under current law, the Secretary of Revenue is required to keep a record of each abatement that reduces tax liability by \$5,000 or more and make the record available for public inspection, as well as an annual report. The bill would replace the term “record of any abatement” with “annual report” where it states what documents will be available to the public.

The bill would become effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The Department of Revenue, the only conferee on the bill, testified that the abatement record contains personal information such as Social Security numbers, credit card information, and medical records. Under current law, this record would be available upon request in addition to the annual report that does not contain sensitive taxpayer information. The Department said the bill would clarify that only the annual report would be available for public inspection.

A Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee technical amendment clarified that the bill would be applied retroactive to the statute's original enactment date in 1999. The Senate

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Committee of the Whole amended the bill to advance its effective date from publication in the statute book to publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill indicates that the bill would have no fiscal effect.