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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 249

As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

SB 249 would amend KSA 46-1103 to allow the Legislative Post Auditor to require current and prospective Division of Post Audit employees to be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal history record check. The Post Auditor would be authorized to submit such fingerprints to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a state and national criminal history record check. The Post Auditor would be allowed to use the information from the fingerprinting and record check to verify the identification of the employee or applicant, in the official determination of the qualifications and fitness of a current employee to be employed by the division, or in the official determination of the eligibility of an applicant to perform tasks in the division.

Background

SB 249 was introduced by the Legislative Post Audit Committee. In the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Legislative Post Auditor spoke in support of the bill, explaining the background checks are desired because of the confidential nature of the information to which Post Audit employees have access. The Committee amended the bill to clarify that the new provisions would apply to both current and prospective employees. The Committee recommended the bill be passed as amended.

*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>

The fiscal note on the bill states any additional costs associated with the bill would be absorbed within the Division of Post Audit's authorized budget.