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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 416

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Commerce

Brief*

SB 416 would transfer the State Workplace Health and Safety Program from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment to the Secretary of the Department of Labor and provide a funding source for the program. The bill would establish a new fund to be called the State Workplace Health and Safety Program Fund. The new fund would receive funding from the State Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund, with the amount agreed upon by the two department secretaries. The bill would also transfer the responsibility for the State Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund from the Secretary of the Department of Administration to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment.

Background

The State Workplace Health and Safety Program provides services to public sector employers regarding occupational safety and employee health issues. According to Department of Labor's proponent testimony, the agency has provided this service through memorandums of understanding (MOU) with the Department of Administration, the Kansas Health Policy Authority, and Department of Health and Environment when each agency has been assigned responsibility for the program. The Department of Labor stated there were be no transfer of personnel between the Department of Health and Environment and the Department

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of Labor. There was no additional testimony.

According to the fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget, the bill would have no fiscal impact.