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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 434

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 434 would grant the Department of Corrections the authority to purchase the Saint Francis Boys' Home in Ellsworth, KS. The bill would also require an independent appraisal of the value of the property.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was requested by the Joint Committee on State Building Construction after hearing testimony that the Department of Corrections intended to purchase the property and operate it as a 95-bed minimum security satellite facility as part of the Ellsworth Correctional Facility. The appraisal required by statute was completed February 17 and determined an appraised value of \$368,000.

Secretary of Corrections Ray Roberts testified as a proponent of the bill. He stated the funding for the purchase and operation of the facility in FY 2013 would come from an enhancement recommended by the Governor for contract jail beds, as the new facility would reduce the number of contract beds needed by the Department. He testified that a tentative agreement was in place to purchase the property for \$350,000.

*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>

There were no opponents to the bill.

During discussion on the appropriations bill, both the House and Senate approved an additional 15.0 FTE positions to staff the satellite facility, contingent upon passage of the bill.

The fiscal note for the bill indicates there would be no additional cost to the state because the property would be purchased and operated using existing funds.