SENATE BILL No. 42

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning civil actions; relating to architects and engineers; immunity from liability in negligence under certain circumstances.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) An architect, defined and licensed under K.S.A. 74-7003 et seg., and amendments thereto, or professional engineer, defined 6 7 and licensed under K.S.A. 74-7003 et seg., and amendments thereto, who voluntarily, without compensation or expectation of compensation, 9 provides services and options for consideration for sheltering students in cases of emergencies at a structure located on school property, at the 10 request of the board of education of a unified school district, the 12 superintendent or other school district employee who exercises authority 13 over school district property, or at the request of a person who exercises authority over accredited nonpublic school property, shall not be liable in 14 15 negligence for any personal injury or property damage caused by the architect's or engineer's good faith but negligent services or options 16 17 provided.

- (b) (1) As used in this section, "school property" means any elementary or secondary school, attendance center, administrative office, services center or other facility.
- (2) As used in this section, all other terms have the meanings provided by K.S.A. 72-89b02, and amendments thereto.
 - (c) Nothing in this section shall provide immunity for gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 25 26 publication in the statute book.