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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 284

As Amended by Senate Committee on Utilities

Brief*

SB 284 would make several changes to the Kansas 911 Act. Specifically, the bill would:

- Add definitions of “911 call” and “911 system operator”;
- Add language that would alter the composition of the 911 Coordinating Council by adding a voting membership for the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police and the Kansas Sheriff’s Association (Currently, a single voting member represents Kansas law enforcement officers.);
- Remove the nonvoting member recommended by KAN-ED from the 911 Coordinating Council;
- Add language that would increase the budget authority of the 911 Coordinating Council from 1.5 percent to 2.5 percent of the total 911 fee receipts; and
- Add language that would allow the 911 Coordinating Council to extend the contract of the Local Collection Point Administrator (LCPA) for up to two years without the advice and consent of the Legislative Coordinating Council. (Currently, the 911 Coordinating Council may extend the contract of the LCPA for up to three years with the advice and consent of the Legislative Coordinating Council.)

*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>

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Utilities. At the Senate Committee hearing, the Chairperson of the 911 Coordinating Council provided testimony in support of the bill. The testimony noted that the changes in the bill were designed to accommodate emerging technology and facilitate the implementation of Next Generation 911. A representative from the Kansas Sheriffs Association also testified in support of the bill.

The Senate Committee amended the bill by adding language regarding the Legislative Coordinating Council providing advice to the 911 Coordinating Council on selecting the LCPA. In addition, the Senate Committee approved two technical amendments.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget estimates that the bill, as introduced, would add an additional \$500 of expenditures from the Public Safety Broadband Services Fund for travel expenses of the new Council member.