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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 142

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Public Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 142 would exclude from the statutory definition of the term “adult care home” any center approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as a Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), which provides services only to PACE participants. The bill would exempt PACE programs from the requirements, standards, and rules and regulations established under the Adult Care Home Licensure Act.

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

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare at the request of Senator Kelly. At the Senate Committee hearing, representatives of Bluestem PACE, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), Midland Care Connection, Inc., and Via Christi HOPE PACE Programs spoke in favor of the bill. The proponents generally stated the bill would assist in the expansion of PACE programs in new regions, streamline the process for developing new PACE centers in Kansas by removing the requirement that landlords who lease to PACE programs be co-holders of licenses (resulting in extending liability for adult care home operations to the landlords), and reduce duplications in the state inspection process. Written

*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>.

proponent testimony was provided by a representative of LeadingAge Kansas. No neutral or opposition testimony was provided.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on KDADS.