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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 157**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 157 would amend the Revised Kansas Code for Care of Children to specify that nothing in the Code shall be construed to compel a parent to medicate a child if the parent is acting in accordance with a physician's medical advice. A parent's actions in these circumstances would not constitute a basis for determination that a child is a child in need of care, for the removal of custody of a child, or for the termination of parental rights without a specific showing of a causal relation between the actions and harm to the child.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of Senator Knox. In the Senate Committee, Senator Knox and a citizen testified in support of the bill. A citizen provided written proponent testimony. The Secretary for Children and Families provided written neutral testimony.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the bill would have no fiscal effect.

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\*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>.