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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 224

As Amended by House Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 224 would allow the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board to impose fines, issue subpoenas, and investigate violations, as specified in the bill. The bill also would change the number of physicians required on the Medical Advisory Council from two to one. In addition, the bill would require the EMS Board to prepare an annual report on the fines and subpoenas issued by the Board each year, which would be submitted to the Senate and House Committees on Federal and State Affairs.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs during the 2015 Legislative Session.

At the hearing before the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs during the 2015 Legislative Session, Senator Faust-Goudeau, Senator Holmes, the Executive Director of the EMS Board, former Senator Emler, and a representative of the Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association provided testimony in favor of the bill. The proponents stated the bill would allow the EMS Board to achieve a more thorough investigation, arrive at a just conclusion, and apply better and more balanced disciplinary actions based on all available evidence. There was no neutral or opponent testimony on the bill.

*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>

At the hearing before the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs during the 2016 Legislative Session, Senator Faust-Goudeau, Senator Holmes, the Executive Director of the EMS Board, and a representative of the Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association appeared in support of the bill. The proponents stated the bill would aid emergency responders in performing their jobs effectively and allow access to information to ensure the safety of the emergency service providers and all persons receiving emergency services. There was no neutral or opponent testimony on the bill.

The House Committee on Federal and State Affairs adopted a technical amendment to update statutory references in the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget in March 2015 states the EMS Board indicates additional revenues would be generated by the fines established in the bill; however, the Board cannot estimate how much additional revenue the fines would generate, as the agency is unable to estimate how many violations would occur. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill was not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.