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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 421**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal  
and State Affairs

**Brief\***

SB 421 would amend the Personal and Family Protection Act to allow entry through restricted access entrances for persons who are not state or municipal employees or otherwise authorized to enter a state or municipal building through a restricted access entrance.

To qualify for restricted access entry, such persons would be required to:

- Obtain authorization from the chief law enforcement officer, governing body, or the chief administrative officer (if no governing body exists) to enter such state or municipal building through a restricted access entrance;
- Be issued an identification card by the chief law enforcement officer, governing body, or chief administrative officer; and
  - The identification card would be required to include a statement that such person is authorized to enter such building through a restricted access entrance, and include the person's photograph, name, and any other identifying information deemed necessary by the issuing entity;

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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>

- Execute an affidavit or notarized statement that such person acknowledges that certain firearms and weapons may be prohibited in such building and that violating any such regulations may result in revocation of authority to enter a building through a restricted access entrance.

The chief law enforcement officer, governing body, or chief administrative officer would be required to develop criteria for approval of individuals to qualify for entry through restricted access entrances. The criteria could include a requirement that the individual submit to state and national criminal history checks before issuance and renewal of such approval and a requirement that the individual pay a fee to cover the cost of such background checks.

An individual who was issued a concealed carry permit by the State would not be required to submit to further state and national background checks before the issuance and renewal of such authorization to enter buildings through restricted access entrances.

Individuals could be subjected to additional security screening measures upon reasonable suspicion or in circumstances where heightened security measures are warranted.

The bill would state authorization to enter state and municipal buildings through restricted access entrances would not allow the individual to carry a concealed weapon in the building.

## **Background**

At the hearing before the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs, Senator O'Donnell, as well as representatives of the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County, appeared in support of the bill. They testified the bill would make state and municipal buildings more user-friendly,

particularly for persons who must move among several buildings throughout a given day and must stand in long security lines each time they enter a building. Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by the League of Kansas Municipalities.

There was no neutral or opponent testimony on the bill.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to allow the chief law enforcement officer, governing body, or chief administrative officer to require that individuals seeking entry through restricted access entrances pay a fee to cover the costs of any required background checks, and to prohibit additional background checks for individuals seeking restricted access authorization who already have been issued a concealed carry license.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced states the Department of Administration has indicated the bill would not require additional security measures for buildings and therefore would not increase security costs. The Kansas Association of Counties has indicated some local governments may incur costs if it is determined that changes to security measures are needed at some county or municipal buildings. The Office of the Attorney General indicates there would be costs associated with issuing identification cards, but the specific fiscal effect for the state or local governments is unknown because the number of individuals granted entrance through restricted access entrances cannot be estimated with any certainty. Any fiscal effect associated by the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.