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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Barker
Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date: February 2, 2017

Subject: HB 2150 – Exempting KU Medical Center from adequate security requirements under the Personal and Family Protection Act.

House Bill No. 2150 (HB 2150) amends K.S.A. 75-7c20 regarding exemptions from the general requirement of providing adequate security measures in order to prohibit all weapons in a public building. Under K.S.A. 75-7c20 generally public entities, governing bodies or chief administrative officers charged with overseeing a public building, can only prohibit the carrying of concealed handguns into a public building if the building's public entrances have adequate security measures to keep all weapons from being carried into the building. The term "adequate security measures" is defined in current law and that definition is located on page 4 of the bill starting in line 16.

When K.S.A. 75-7c20 was first enacted subsection (k) was included to provide a permanent exemption from the adequate security measures for the state schools for the deaf and the blind. All other public school districts are also permanently exempted from K.S.A. 75-7c20 through the definition of "municipality" which expressly excludes school districts.

Any buildings under the governance of the University of Kansas Hospital Authority (KU Hospital Authority) can currently be exempted under subsection (i), which has general application to municipalities, or possibly under subsection (j), which applies to colleges and universities. Both subsections provide exemptions until July 1, 2017. On that date all exemptions under subsections (i) and (j) expire and those public buildings that were previously exempted will be required to have adequate security measures at all public entrances in order to maintain any policy prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns in the building.

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HB 2150 amends subsection (k) to include the buildings under the governance of the KU Hospital Authority. Under the bill such buildings would remain exempt from the adequate security measures requirement indefinitely.

If enacted HB 2150 would become effective on July 1, 2017.