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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 284

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

SB 284, as amended, would amend law related to the issuance of handicapped placards for motor vehicles. The bill would require the Director of Vehicles, Department of Revenue, to issue a permanent vehicle placard to any school district, interlocal cooperative, postsecondary educational institution, or any institution under the direction of the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services who applies for such a placard. The placard could only be used for transporting students or patients who would qualify for a handicapped placard or a license plate.

The bill would define “postsecondary educational institution” to include any public university, municipal university, community college, technical college, or private postsecondary educational institution located primarily in Kansas and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Education at the request of Senator Givens.

In the Senate Committee hearing, Senator Givens provided proponent testimony, noting short-term transportation of students with disabilities is made more difficult when some staff vehicles do not have a disability placard. A representative of the Kansas Association of

*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>

Community College Trustees also provided proponent testimony and requested an amendment to include community colleges in the language of the bill. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas State Board of Education.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Independent College Association. No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to include postsecondary institutions and any institution under the direction of the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the bill would require modification to the internal vehicle software at the Department of Revenue. However, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated at this time. The fiscal impact would be based on the combined effects of implementing the bill and other enacted legislation. If the requirements to implement enacted legislation exceeds the Department of Revenue's programming resources, expenditures for contracting outside programmer services may be required. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.