

SESSION OF 2018

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 217**

As Amended by House Committee on Health  
and Human Services

**Brief\***

SB 217, as amended, would update several statutory references in accordance with enacted 2016 SB 449. The bill would replace the term “mentally retarded and other handicapped persons” in statutes with “individuals with intellectual or other disabilities” in accordance with current law. The bill would amend language to clarify the annual report of the Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors (Board) would be submitted to the Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee, remove the due date for the submission of the report, and require the reporting of the fund balance at the end of the fiscal year.

Additionally, the bill would make technical changes necessary when a bill carries over from a previous legislative session. The bill would delete internal references amended during the 2017 Legislative Session that need no further corrections and would delete sections that were amended but not corrected during the previous session and reinsert those sections as corrected. The bill also would make other grammatical, formatting, and date reference changes, all of which are technical in nature.

**Background**

In the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare hearing, an assistant revisor provided information about

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technical updates in the bill, referenced as a trailer bill to 2016 SB 449. No other testimony was provided.

2016 SB 449 continued the updating of statutes related to responsibilities transferred to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) under 2012 Executive Reorganization Order No. 41.

The Senate Committee adopted an amendment to replace the term “mentally retarded and other handicapped persons” in statute with “individuals with intellectual or other disabilities.”

In the House Committee on Health and Human Services hearing, representatives of the Board and KDADS testified in support of the bill. The KDADS representative stated the bill would update statutory language and references and provide a more appropriate reference to individuals with intellectual or other disabilities. The Board representative offered amendments to clarify to whom the Board’s annual report should be submitted, remove the due date for the submission of the report, and require the reporting of the fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

The House Committee adopted technical amendments suggested by staff of the Office of Revisor of Statutes and amendments requested by the Board to clarify to whom the Board’s annual report would be submitted, remove the due date for submission of the report, and require reporting of the fund balance.

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