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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 21, 2023

Subject: SB 307; Adding for-profit private entity to the definition of "qualified

applicant" in the Kansas fights addiction act.

Senate Bill No. 307 amends K.S.A. 75-776, the definition section for the Kansas fights addiction act (act), to add for-profit private entity to the definition of "qualified applicant." Currently a qualified applicant can be any state entity, municipality or not-for-profit that provides services for the purpose of preventing, reducing, treating or otherwise abating or remediating substance abuse or addiction and that has released its legal claims arising from covered conduct against each defendant that is required by opioid litigation to pay into the Kansas fights addiction fund.

Under the act, qualified applicants may apply for grants from the Kansas fights addiction fund for projects and activities that prevent, reduce, treat or mitigate the effects of substance abuse and addiction. Such grant application must be approved by the Kansas fights addiction grant review board created by K.S.A. 75-778 before any grant is made.

The bill becomes effective upon the publication in the statute book.