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# SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 513

## As Amended by House Committee on Appropriations

### Brief\*

Sub. for SB 513 provides a mechanism for the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) to collect unexpended funds from a prearranged burial agreement to reimburse the state for medical assistance provided to the deceased or the deceased surviving spouse of a person who has received medical assistance. Sub. for SB 513 requires a recipient of medical assistance upon entering into a prearranged burial agreement, funeral agreement, or insurance agreement to fund burial services to notify the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services. It also provides for notification of the funeral home that the person is on assistance. The bill does not limit the type of burial service a person chooses, but does provide for payment of excess funds to the Secretary in the amount of medical assistance provided.

## **Background**

SB 513 was requested by the agency. SRS spoke in support of the bill. The Kansas Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, Inc. spoke in support of the bill, but recommended amendments to clarify the language and provide notice and direction to funeral homes regarding excess funds.

SB 513 would result in revenues of approximately \$5,000 all funds.

<sup>\*</sup>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 <a href="http://www.kslegislature.org/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi">http://www.kslegislature.org/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi</a>