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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 543

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 543 authorizes the governing body of any fire district to pay compensation to volunteer firefighters responding to emergency calls, fighting fires, or attending meetings.

The Senate Committee amendments were clarifying.

The House Committee added the ability to pay volunteers for responding to emergency calls and placed these compensation of volunteers amendments in each of the separate laws authorizing the creation of fire districts.

The House Committee of the Whole amended two additional fire district laws to add the new language regarding payment to volunteers.

Background

The bill was requested by the State Fire Marshal's Office in response to an Attorney General Opinion (2001-51) which concluded a fire district organized under KSA 19-3601 *et seq.* could not pay compensation to volunteer firefighters.

The bill has no fiscal impact on the state.

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