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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2825**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

HB 2825 would amend the Public Employer-Employee Relations Act (PEERA) by requiring, in the case of state employees only, that the factfinder's report resulting from an impasse in labor negotiations be binding upon the state and its agencies. Under current law, the factfinder's report is not binding on either party.

As introduced, HB 2825 would have extended this new procedure to the state and any covered local units of government. The House Committee amended the bill to limit the new procedure only to the state and its agencies.

**Background**

Testifying in support of the bill were representatives of the Kansas State Troopers Association and the State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Testifying in opposition to the bill were representatives of the Wichita Public Schools, the Kansas Association of School Boards, the City of Wichita, and the Kansas League of Municipalities.

The fiscal note indicates that, according to the Department of Human Resources, HB 2825 would have no immediate fiscal effect on the state, but if there were an increase in the use of factfinders, additional funding would be needed. However, the extent of that additional funding is unclear.

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\*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/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi>