

SESSION OF 2004

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE SUBSTITUTE
FOR SENATE BILL NO. 336**

As Recommended by House Committee
on Appropriations

Brief*

House Sub. for SB 336 authorizes the use of paid nutrition assistants in long-term care facilities.

The bill amends KSA 39-923(a) to include the definition of "Paid nutrition assistant" to the adult care home licensure statute. As defined in this act a "Paid nutrition assistant" is a person paid to feed residents of an adult care home or a person used under an arrangement with another agency or organization. The individual must be trained by a person meeting nurse aide instructor qualifications as defined in federal regulations. In addition, this person performs their duties under the supervision of a registered professional or licensed practical nurse.

Amends KSA 39-936(c)(1) and (2) regarding unlicensed employees to specify the training required for such assistants.

Background

SB 336 as amended by the Senate Committee established a tobacco use and control program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

The House Committee deleted all language in the existing bill and inserted language relating to adult care home licensure and paid nutrition assistants. The Committee also changed most references to the Department on Aging to the Department of Health and Environment to reflect the current authorities and duties of the two departments.

*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>

Written testimony was received in support of the substitute bill from the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Kansas Adult Care Executives Association and Kansas Health Care Association. Conditional support was given by Kansas Advocates for Better Care based on suggested amendments which were not added by the Committee.