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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE SUBSTITUTE
FOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 260**

As Recommended by House Committee
on Economic Development

Brief*

House Sub. for SB 260 would require the Department of Commerce to provide workforce training to every older Kansan who desires it. Older Kansan is defined as a resident of the state of Kansas who is 55 years of age or older.

The Secretary of Commerce is directed to prepare a strategic plan with the appropriate state plan amendments, in coordination with the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and the Older Kansans Employment Program (OKEP), and present it to the Legislature by December 1, 2006. The same report would be required whenever the state plan is amended after December 1, 2006, and whenever the state plan is amended.

The bill would set forth specific criteria for inclusion in the strategic plan including use of resources to ensure workforce development for every older Kansan, minimum expenditures for older Kansans' workforce development, program examples, criteria for measuring program effectiveness, designated target areas for funding and the source, program development, and marketing plans.

Background

House Sub. for SB 260 was introduced as HB 2993. Representative Ed O'Malley spoke in support of the bill, as did representatives of the Area Agencies on Aging, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the Silver Haired Legislature, and the North Central/Flint Hills Agency on Aging. There were no opponents to the bill.

*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>

The House Committee on Economic Development amended the bill change all references from senior citizen(s) to older Kansan(s). The Committee added coordination with the AAAs and OKEP in developing the strategic plan, as well as the reporting requirement each time the state plan is amended. In addition, the Committee added requirements to the strategic plan for designation of target areas and funding sources, inclusion of program details, and a marketing plan.

The fiscal note on House Bill 2993 indicates that the Department of Commerce would need \$65,000 from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund and 1.0 FTE position to complete the strategic plan.