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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 456

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Elections and Local Government

Brief*

SB 456 would add an open records requirement that every public agency employing or contracting for a commercial vehicle driver to transport students or members of the public make available the name of each driver.

Background

Proponents of the bill included representatives of the Kansas Press Association, the Kansas Association of Broadcasters, KWCH 12 of Wichita, and the Kansas Sunshine Coalition for Open Government. Opponents and persons concerned with at least a portion of the bill included representatives of transportation associations, Durham School Services, and Wichita Public Schools.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to eliminate a list of items, in addition to the driver's name, that would have been deemed public records under the original bill. This list included position, salary or other compensation, length of service, driving record, convictions of any crime, and convictions of driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Technical corrections also were made.

The fiscal note on the original version of SB 456 noted that open records requests generated by the bill would generate revenue from the KORA-authorized fee for providing the records upon request. It also noted increased administrative costs would result but, in the case of the Kansas Department of Revenue (the agency responsible for providing some of the required information in the original bill), those costs would be absorbed within the agency's budget.

*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>