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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 545

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 545 would amend existing law concerning child health insurance coverage in divorce decrees. Specifically, if the divorce decree includes a provision for child health insurance coverage, the bill would authorize the court to order each parent to provide all information and releases necessary so that both parents can communicate with the health insurance provider, no matter which parent provides the insurance coverage. Provisions of the bill also would apply to temporary orders.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The proponents of the bill were Senator Pat Apple; Mark Gleeson, Office of Judicial Administration; and Leslea Rockers, Citizen. There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary amended the bill, as requested by the Office of Judicial Administration, to conform the bill to the current age parameters of the child support guideline table and to strike language that is no longer relevant due to the passage of time.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

^{*}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 of the Whole amended the bill by including the provision regarding temporary orders.

The fiscal note indicates that passage of the bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal effect.